



***VISUAL  
IMAGERY***

# **Individuality**

*Highland High School  
2003*

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athletic

patriotic

theatrical

optimistic

expressive

academic

# **VISUAL IMAGERY**

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Visual Imagery

# CAN YOU VISUALIZE THIS?

A photograph is the *visual imagery* of a split-second in time. The *individual* will never be at that moment, in that place, performing that action ever again. History has been made and recorded of each *individual* that has been drawn together in our journey through life.



Freshmen Football Team



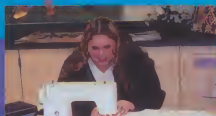
Nataly Carrasco

*dedicated*



Dennis Wojkovich

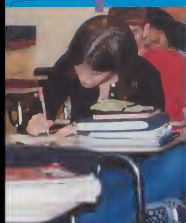
**VISUAL**  
*passionate*



Christianne Perez

*lighthearted*

*agreeable*

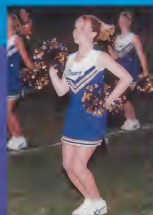


Erica Will



Ryan Hall

*creative*



Brooke Torrenga

*incere*

*generous*



Jake Margraf

*trustworthy*



Lauren Brechner & Ashley Dillard

**IMAGERY**



Photography

IMAGERY

proficient



NAHS



Andria Shoemaker

considerate

dexterous



Matt Yuknis



Melissa Gawlik

successful



Billy Metzen

zealous

dedicated



Girls' Swim Team

enthusiastic



Matt Boroughs & Mrs. Ferguson



*-fashionable*



Amy Nimetz & Dana Wilkins



Girls' Volleyball Team

*heedful*

Our years in high school are not an end but are the basis by which we grow and become the individuals who will be the leaders of the future. We have had a few laughs and have shed a few tears. We have had a few failures, but these were only the necessary steps for our many successes. Come now and let us remember the visual images of our...

**INDIVIDUALITY**





Alex Ross



Nicole Bochnowski



Kyle Techentin



James Lowry and Lauren Brechner



Lisa Gyure



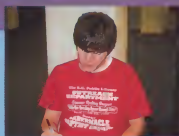
Lisa Barlog



Katie Hoekstra, Mike Mazur, & Stephanie Vandiver



Ashley Mayer



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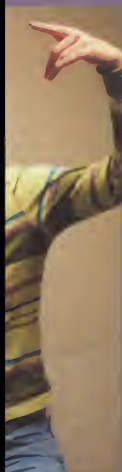


Matt Lambert

# IMAGES

## OF TIMES TO REMEMBER...

*Where did you go, and what did you like to do on a Friday Night? What was your favorite toy or who was your best friend when you were five? Whose toe did you step on when you danced at the Homecoming dance? What secrets did you write on a note that you passed to the third person in the fourth row in your fifth hour math class? Who did you hope to catch a glimpse of in the Commons at 7:40 each morning even though the person never knew? Each individual has his unique images of the times that will be remembered.*



Mrs. Freguson & Mr. Ryser



Holly Panshyn



Emmanuel Thomas



Adam Seliger, Lincoln Butler, Nichole Brown, Julie Brackett



Garret Jacobs & Charlie Staple



# Activities of the Red Carpet

When the stars come out, they parade around Highland. This is just what happened on Oct. 2. Each organization of Highland sponsored and built a float for the Homecoming parade. The float ranged from Cinderella's "Turn those Mustangs back into mice," to The Oscars/Red Carpet. The winner of this contest was the Junior Class, whose theme was Jaws.

Everyone looks forward to the Superstars on Wednesday night. The evening tests the ability of each Class in different events, like the pie-eating contest to the tug-of-war. At the end of the night, the sophomores beat the freshmen, followed by the seniors beating the juniors.

The week of Homecoming is always devoted to Spirit Week. Monday's theme was ER Day, Tuesday was Breakfast Club, Wednesday was Revenge of the Nerds, Thursday was Saturday Night Fever. And, last, but not least, Friday has always been Blue and Gold Day. This pumps up the school for the football game that night.

All of Highland came out on the cold, windy Friday night before Homecoming to cheer on the varsity football team. Their opponent was the Munster Mustangs. The Trojans carried a good game throughout, but unfortunately were defeated.

Rachael  
Reed



## CHOW DOWN

Senior Heather Opolski eats to victory at Superstars.



## GROOVY MAN!

Kevin Theobald is a blast from the past

# Top 10

## WAYS TO SHOW SPIRIT

Paint Bridge

Pep Rally

Go to dance

Paint face

Cheer on football

Superstars

Senior shirts

Dress up

Parade

Make posters

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of times to remember





A. Mayer

#### FOUR EYES

Freshman Brian Bland isn't afraid to be a little nerdy.



R. Kout

#### YO ADRIAN

"NHS can beat Apollo Creed," states Rocky.



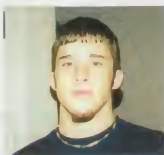
#### DING! DONG!

The freshmen football team protects the Victory Bell.

#### INFORMATION

HHS's marquee started the anticipation for Homecoming week.

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



Mike  
Haney

"The Pep Rally was awesome. It was awesome to see everyone participate and have fun."



Matt  
Lambert

"I loved everyone's enthusiasm at the Pep Rally. I'm glad we decided to have one. It really got the school excited for the game."



Mr. Marty Grubbs

Matt Yuknis



Sara Matesevac



Sophomore Float:



Varsity Football



Senior Float:



Freshmen Float:



Junior Float:





Cora and Kyle



Timiani and Ryan



Maliree, Amber, and Bryanna



Tracey Cable



Georgia Cavvouras



Peter and Valerie



Tony and Holly



Megan and Billy

**Do Your Thing!**  
These senior guys show off their dancing moves.



ROOT

**GETTIN' DOWN**  
Sophomore Steve Bush dances the night away.



ROOT



ROOT

**IT'S TIME TO SHINE!**  
Sophomore James Lowry and freshman Lauren Brechner shine on the dance floor.

**SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE!**  
Mrs. Ogrentz and Mr. Kaminski sure know how to work the dance floor.



ROOT

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



HOOKUP

"It was fantastic dancing with all the pretty girls."

Matt  
Boroughs



MAYER

"Even though it was in the blue gym, it turned out to be a lot better than everyone thought it would be."

Stephanie  
Vandiver

# A Night When The Stars Came Out

The stars landed on the blue and gold carpet at Highland High School on Saturday, Oct. 5. Gossip spread about who went with who and who was wearing what. Students were dressed like movie stars and bathed in glitter to appropriately follow the theme of "Hollywood" for homecoming.

"Oh my gosh! It's Hulk Hogan!" screamed senior Rachael Reed. Under all of the Hogan attire, it was simply Steve Bush.

The entrance of the auxiliary gym was decorated with a red carpet for all of our "stars" to show, well, basically themselves! As students entered the gym, all they could see were couples and friends dancing and having so much fun. Goodies and beverages were set elegantly on the table, and everyone was allowed to help themselves.

On the other end of the gym, there was a slightly calmer, less noisy atmosphere. Pictures were being snapped of couples and groups. To conclude the marvelous evening, senior, Student Council President Doug Harper announced Kyle Murphy as King and Starla Morris as Queen of the red carpet.

The dance soon ended, but the night was still young. Many went out to eat, some even followed a night of dancing with even more dancing, and others enjoyed a relaxing night at home. Nonetheless, the exhausting, yet fun night ended and the stars filled the sky.

Nataly  
Carrasco



ROOT



ROOT

THE BLUE CARPET  
The  
Homecoming  
Court strut  
their stuff in  
their best  
attire.

HOLLYWOOD STARS  
Queen Starla  
Morris and  
King Kyle  
Murphy  
dance under  
the stars.

## Top 10

Places To Go After Homecoming

Club One	Friend's House	Applebees	Home
Hooters	Wendy's	Edwardo's	House of Kobe
Bennigan's	Dick's Last Resort		



homecoming dance

# A Winter Winterland

... was the theme for the annual Turnabout dance, and what a wonderland it was. Students gathered at St. George's Serbian Hall for a night full of dancing and memory making.

"Turnabout was fun," sophomore Erica Rozenich said. "For once the music at a dance was good."

There was a surprisingly big turnout this year compared to last year, maybe it was because of the new building.

"I've never seen so many people dancing," senior Kevin Popovich said.

The Queen and King of the land were seniors Sarah Jones and Matt Winston. As the night came to a close, the dance floor began to clear out. But what was left was the end of a great night.

Rachael  
Reed

## ROYAL COURT

Seniors Matt Winston and Sarah Jones were chosen as King and Queen.



**GITTIN' JIGGY**  
Senior Erin Frisby and junior Gary Simkus get down with their bad selves.

## TOP 10

Places To Go Get Your Hair Done

Friend's House

Texture Point

Scissorsi

Hair Cuttery

Creative

Shringaar

Tangles

JC Penny Salon

Navii

Jeane's

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**WALTZING**  
Seniors Lynsie Funkhouser and Keith Anderko are one happy pair.



ROOT

**PRETTY IN PINK**  
Juniors Alexis Frankley and Kevin Frazier never left the dance floor.



ROOT



ROOT

**JUMP, JUMP**  
These girls get crazy on the dance floor.

**STYUN'**  
Freshman Amber Barnes is having fun at her first Turnabout.



Stephanie Rose



Turnabout Court



Molly Donner &  
Katie Thompson



Lauren Ferguson



Carie Gentry &  
Casey Thompson



Valerie Haenny &  
Peter Hanning



Students having fun



Edward Leal

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



ROOT

"I thought this year's turnabout was one of the best dances I have been to so far."

Amanda Benko



ROOT

"I liked the dance. Like all the other dances, I had a good time. Afterwards I went to Popolano's and ate some half-eaten food. But it was still good."

Lenny Friend



1999/2000 Class



Delana McCarroll



Staying warm



Cheerleaders



Superstar seniors



PJ fun day



Lindsay Plikuhn



Bus ride home



School Mascot

### DIE HARDS

These fans stay in the cold to watch our football team win.



Storlow

### FUN TIMES

Bleacher bums smile as they have a great time at a football game.



### CHEERING

The crowd cheers on Highland's football team.

### TEACHER TO DOC

Mr. Carlson and students trade in the books for scrubs.



## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



Hickox

"I think that when I cheer I am showing a lot of spirit. I think it is important to show team and school spirit. I enjoy showing my school spirit."

Sam  
Bogusz



Hickox

"School spirit is important because it brings the school together and makes everyone feel involved and not left out."

Jamie  
Conces



# Trojan Spirit

If you attend Highland High School, displaying your school spirit is a must. From playing a school sport to cheering in the crowd, it's all about showing off that Blue and Gold pride.

Tailgating is one way for the community to come and show some Trojan Pride. Showing school spirit is a key way to help drive our various teams to victory. If you have ever gone to a football game or attended some other athletic event, then you have shown your spirit.

"I show school spirit by going to the football games and participating in German Club and Student Council," junior DeAnna Christ said.

The week of Homecoming is one of the best ways for anyone to show their Highland spirit. Some like dressing up in wild outfits, while others enjoy going to the pep rallies and sitting in the bleachers.

"I think school spirit is an important thing to have," sophomore Colleen Musielak said. "Without it our school wouldn't be the same."

Madalin Murovic



## GAME FACES

These fans aren't worried about the side effects of paint.

## DRIVE

Andria Shoemaker shows her true blue by participating in band.

# Top 10

## Ways to show your school spirit

Homecoming

Face Painting

School Sports

Cheering

Spirit Week

Tailgating

Superstars

Bonfires

Wearing Blue & Gold

Pep Rallies



school spirit

# Stylin' and Profilin'

Everyone likes to believe that they have and produce their own style. It seems everyone nowadays strives to be a unique and individual person. When living in a world full of change, trends come and go. Most people try to keep up with the in-style fashions, while others choose to be their own person and invent new styles of their own.

"Having your own style is a cool way to express yourself, and show others what kind of person you are," sophomore Daniela Todorovic said.

Music can also influence a personal style. For instance, if you listen to 70's music, you will most likely dress in tie-dyes and act the part. Punk music is another popular influence. Most punk rock listeners dress in punk clothes. Music, decades, and trends are not the only things that change our style. Whether getting pierced, tattooed, or dying your hair is your way of expression, it's all about style.

Ashley  
Mayer



## MALL CRUISERS

Freshmen Tina Traczyk and Megan Quail like to shop at the Mall for that girl next door look.



Mayer

## TREND SETTER

From playing the trumpet to curly brown locks, junior Matt Lambert is a trend setter.

# Top 10

## Highland High School Trends

Dyed Hair

Piercings

Flip-Flops

Shaggy  
hair

Comfy  
pants

Girls with  
short hair

Hooded  
Sweatshirts

Shoulder  
Bags

Peasant  
Shirts

Hemp  
Necklaces

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Mayer

### HOLY COW!

Senior Matt Winston and junior Scott Thompson enjoy the unique styles seen throughout school.



Mayer

### "OUCH! THAT HURTS!"

Junior Rachel Brown found it worth the pain to get her groovy tattoo.



Mayer



Hoekstra

### ZOINKS!

Junior Matt Phillips and sophomore Jon Karpinec love shaggy...hair, that is.

### FASHION SENSE

Seniors Julie Reed and Sarah Warner think fashion sense is a must in high school.



Lauren Ferguson



Megan Gullickson & Alli Wolak



Brian Andree



Brad Hoekstra



Chuck Puntilo



Dan Trzeciak



Brett Bach



Naomi Pina

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



Mayer

"I like how everyone expresses themselves through their style. Piercings, tattoos, and dyed hair is always real cool to see."

Marissa Delgado



Mayer

"I think it's cool that through your style, you can express yourself as a person. School Spirit Rocks!"

Megan Dewier





Jackie Klein



Jeff Perrone



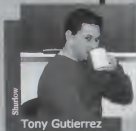
Jaime Ooms



Jon Arredondo



Adam Seliger



Tony Gutierrez



Stephanie Zimny



Jorge Campos

### AHHH...WATER

Senior Wendy Svetanoff quenches her thirst by taking big gulps of cold water.



Reed

### ENERGY BOOSTER

Junior Katie Lewis prepares for her basketball game by eating some Doritos.



Reed



Starlow

### WHAT A SHOW

Senior Laura Timko takes a drink of water as her fellow classmate strikes a pose.

### SIP IT!

Senior Lauren Nolen takes a sip of her CapriSun, while eyeing her muffin.



Starlow

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



Starlow

"I eat ... a lot. Anyway, I'm really glad that the school decided to get us the smoothie machines. They're really good, but we need a bigger variety of flavors."

Mike Kincaid



Starlow

"It's all about the munchies! I think that it was a great idea for the school to give us two vending machines. On the other hand, my real weakness is cookie dough ice cream."

Brittany Tomera

# Gimme Somethin' Good to Eat!



Shurlow

At school, no matter where you are or what time it is, you can always find someone eating or buying food. The most common type of food eaten by our students is, of course, junk food. Ever since the school installed the two vending machines, one by the main gym and the other by the pool, there's not a passing period that goes by that there isn't at least one student chowing down.

"I like being able to go to the vending machines before class to get my favorite snack ... Kit-Kats," senior Katie Shurlow said.

Obviously, people love to eat junk food of all shapes and kinds. The most common place to go, however, is not the vending machines, but Mr. Huber's room. For about two years now, Mr. Huber has been running a pantry that satisfies all taste buds, with any type of candy or chip. He also sells muffins and drinks, with most of the profit going to the Junior Class.

"I love starting my day off with one or two boxes of Yoohoo that I buy from Mr. Huber," senior Greg Okamoto said

Samantha Lynch



Shurlow

## STRIKE A POSE

Senior Mike Strazzante pays attention in class while grasping his berry Skittles.

## SAY CHEESE!

Juniors Danielle Bennett and Ashley Dillard smile pretty while showing off their favorite munchies.

# Top 10

## Favorite Junk Food Snacks

Cheetos	Pop-Tarts	Starburst	Cookies
Muffins	Doritos	M&Ms	
Skittles	BBQ Chips	Snickers	



junk food

# How do you get there?

Earning your license is a huge moment in the life of a young adult.

"I just got my license, and I can't wait until tomorrow when I finally get to drive to school," sophomore Mallory Greene said.

Many students, fearing the embarrassment, aren't big fans of having mom or dad drive them to the school. Taking the bus is a drag.

So driving to school in your very own car, or your parents' car, is the "best" thing. And, naturally, students enjoy showing off these wheels any chance they get.

Regardless of how you get to school, it's always cool to show up in style, whether it be on a shiny new bike or moped, by way of skateboard or skates, or perhaps you're one of the unfortunates ones who simply has to walk to school. After all, it's all about how you get here, to this place called school.

Tim Barany



## MOPEDS ARE COOL

Junior Ashley Mayer prefers riding to school on a moped. She always has the best parking spots.



Shawna

**ERIN ALLEY**  
The bus is so cool.

# TOP 10

## How we get to school

Friends	Walk	Motorcycle
Parents	Boyfriend/ Girlfriend	Bus
Bike	Skipping	Skateboard
		Moped

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Images  
of things to remember





Shurlow

**WHEELING IT**  
Kevin Thomas ensures that John Mouratides is on time for class.



Shurlow

**TOO FAST**  
Matt Lambert likes to cruise for the ladies.



Shurlow



Shurlow

**GOOD OLD MOM**  
Mom comes through in a clutch when the bell rings.

**LOOKIN' GOOD**  
Tom Campbell stands next to his nice ride.

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



Barany

"I get to this wonderful place (school) by my best bud Sam Porter."

Jill  
Odum



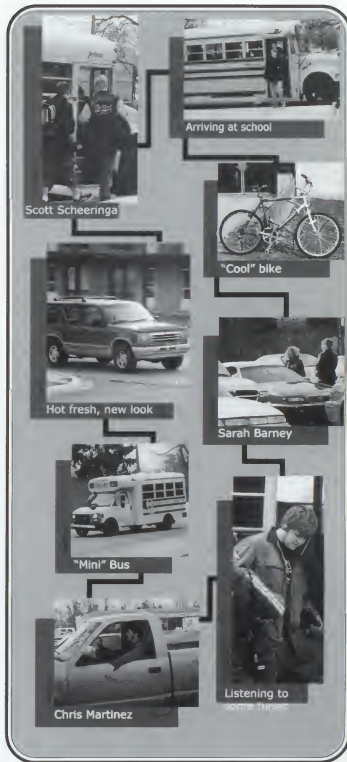
Shurlow

"My wonderful and caring dad has always taken me to school because he's so sweet."

Michael  
Mazur



Shurlow



Arriving at school

Scott Scheeringa

"Cool" bike

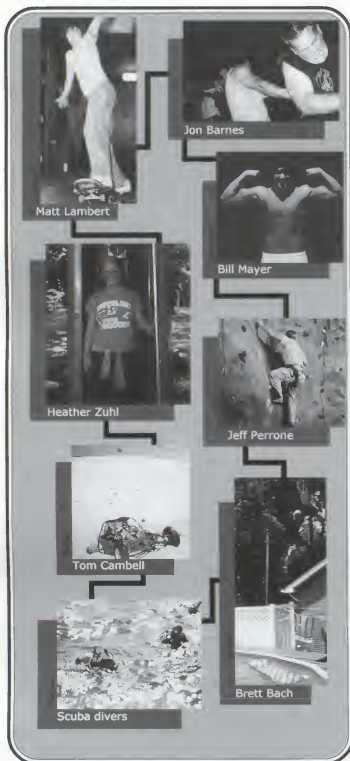
Hot fresh, new look

Sarah Barney

"Mini" Bus

Chris Martinez

Listening to



Matt Lambert

Jon Barnes

Bill Mayer

Heather Zuhl

Jeff Perrone

Tom Cambell

Scuba divers

Brett Bach

**FREE FALLING**  
Aaron Miller  
leaps off of a  
rooftop.



Hookstra

**SHOWING OFF**  
Matt Rolland  
raises up his  
big catch of  
the day.



Hookstra

**FLYING HIGH**  
Jake Saczawa  
gets some air  
as he joy rides  
on his jet ski.

**THINKING HARD**  
Chris Dewier  
and Chris  
Nelsen battle  
in the game of  
chess.



## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



Sharlow

"Me and my friends like to body sled. We pick straws and whoever has the shortest gets to be the sled."

Scott  
Thompson



Sharlow

"You never know what is under the sea, until you go scuba diving with me."

Tom  
Campbell

# Alternative Sports

Whether they are jumping off roofs, busting out some crazy grinds on the skateboard, or looking for treasure while scuba diving, students at Highland High School feel the need to push it to the max. Some call it stupid but others feel it is a thrill that can't be matched.

Some sports are getting very popular around here such as snowboarding and skateboarding. Year-round students do whatever they can to satisfy their desire, even if it means waking up at 6 on a Saturday to be the first at the skate park or driving to Canada for the weekend to snowboard.

"There aren't many places to snowboard around Highland, so making trips to Michigan and Wisconsin is a must," junior Tim Palka said.

Alternative sports are not the safest things to do, but one thing is for sure, they will be here for a while, so get used to it.

Tim Barany  
Kevin Popovich



Hockstra

**SKATER BOY**  
Matt  
Boroughs  
shows off his  
new moves .



Hockstra

**WALL CLIMBER**  
Brandon  
Fieldhouse  
climbs the  
wall showing  
no fear .

## Top 10

### Alternative Sports

Chess	Cliff Jumping	Scuba diving	Snowboarding
Rock Climbing	Wakeboarding	Sledding	
Fishing	Jet Skiing	Biking	



alternative sports

# Love Is in the Air

High school relationships, let's face it, can be rough. But many have beat the odds and have stayed together despite all the problems high school can bring. At a younger age, we considered our "boyfriends" and "girlfriends" to be the person we thought was cute and who we sat next to at the lunch table. Maybe we even held hands on the playground, but it never went farther than that. They didn't usually last more than one or two weeks, either. Some of us might have even had two or more boyfriends or girlfriends at one time. But as we got older, we started to have more serious relationships. Now, though, is the time to look to the future. Will we still be together after graduation? How long will we last? Some say that high school relationships are the most fun because there are so many possibilities; however, others are just as happy living the single life. But no matter what category we place ourselves in, relationships will always be an important part of high school.

Shelly  
Seitzinger



## ALL SMILES

Juniors Jess DeBoer and Steve Wesolek are happy to be together.



Shurco

## TRUE LOVE

Seniors Mark Natelborg and Denise Killmer can't get enough of each other.

# Top 10

## Things To Do On a Date

Go bowling

Go out to eat

Go to Chicago

Go to the beach

See a movie

Go shopping

Go to Starbuck's

Go to a friend's house

Go to a concert

Go to a party

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of things to remember





Shurlov

### BEST BUDS

Seniors Starla Morris and Jackie Klein horse around in the locker room.



### HAPPINESS

Juniors Jake Margraf and Laurel Korbel sit together on the weekend.

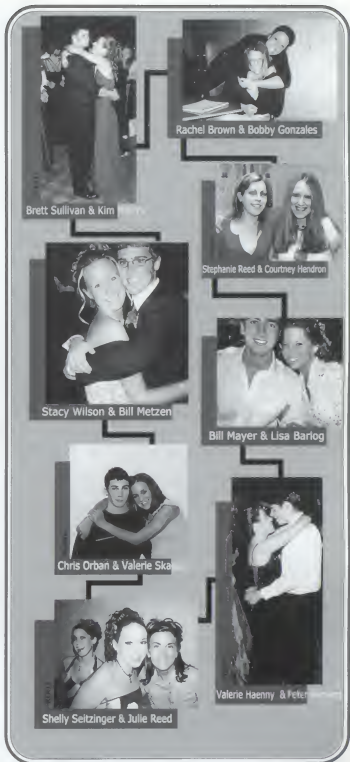


### TOGETHER FOREVER

Junior Bryan Bodamer and freshman Lauren Perrone are closer than ever.

### How Cute!

Freshman Ashley Fleishman and sophomore Jeff Fenchak sit together and talk.



Rachel Brown & Bobby Gonzales

Brett Sullivan & Kim

Stephanie Reed & Courtney Hendon

Stacy Wilson & Bill Metzen

Bill Mayer & Lisa Barlog

Chris Orban & Valerie Skala

Shelly Seltzinger & Julie Reed

Valerie Haenny & Peter

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



Shurlov

"Most of my best memories from high school are ones that involve Mark! Our opposite personalities and similar interests are what have kept us together. He's made high school awesome for me!"

Denise Killmer



Shurlov

"The key to a lasting relationship is ignoring your girlfriend sometimes. It's just not good if you're with them all of the time. You might get sick of them."

Mark Popovich



relationships



HHS girls



Mike Mazur



Chris Johansen



Brad Hoekstra



Junior girls



Chris & Kevin



Gary Simkus



Jake Saczawa

### GIRL TALK

Freshman Katie Hoekstra likes to chat on the phone with her pals.



Hoekstra

### MUSCLE MAN

Senior Joey Peres goes to after-school weights to work out those muscles.



Hoekstra



### CRAFTY

Some students show their creativity by making posters on their environmental science class field trip.

### GIRL PARTY!

Senior girls Megan DeWier, Lauren Nolen, Laura Daley, Lauren Hallahan, and sophomore Mallory Greene share some quality girl time together at a sleepover.



## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



Hoekstra

"After school I drive around aimlessly wasting more and more gas, but it is worth the money because I have a good time."

Scott Thompson



Reed

"When I'm not cheerleading, I love to talk on the phone. I talk to my boyfriend a lot because he's away at college. I also call up my friends and make plans with them."

Sarah Warner



# Weekends are made of this

Have you ever wondered what high school students do in their free-time, well, besides get into trouble? Well, here's a little scoop. A lot of students are involved in after school clubs or participate in school sports.

Actually, there are so many different activities that students take part in after school, or, shall we say, *after hours*.

"You meet many new people and stay in shape," says senior Kevin Popovich in regard to his workout regime after school.

Some students have after-school or weekend jobs which they devote many hours to. Others enjoy the freedom of hanging out with friends. Whether it be relaxing at someone's house, seeing a movie, driving around town, or shopping at the mall, it's all part of life after the dismissal bell from school.

———— Courtney Hendron



**MUSIC MAN**  
Sophomore  
Clay Fritz  
definitely  
knows how to  
jam on his  
guitar.

**GOOFBALL**  
Senior Kyle  
Murphy clowns  
around by  
sledding down  
the stairs in  
woman's  
clothing at the  
Phon-a-thon.

## Top 10

### Things to Do In Free Time

- |                      |             |          |         |
|----------------------|-------------|----------|---------|
| RollerRink           | Dance Clubs | Hangouts | Bowling |
| Talking on the phone | Reading     | Movies   |         |
| Arcades              | Restaurants | Shopping |         |



after hours

# Dreams & Aspirations

Dreams are like beacons of light in a desolate wasteland. They give us strength, determination and hope. If there were no dreams, what reason would there be for life?

Terrible and great things may evolve from dreams. A ruthless Chinese prince had the Forbidden City built because of a monk's dream. This great city would not have been constructed if the prince had not slaughtered the ruling family of the time. Sometimes you have to be ruthless to fulfill a beautiful dream.

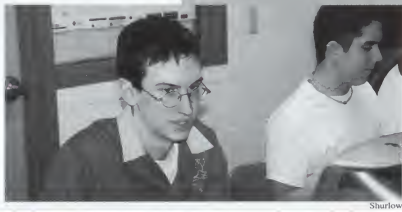
Our dearest dreams often involve the things we want to accomplish in our lives. Thus, when we are deterred from our dreams, we despair and feel the pain and regret far more potently than any other hurt we may experience.

Christina  
Smart



## TECHNOLOGISTS

Senior Aaron Smith aspires to be a computer guru.



## PAPER AND PAINTS

Junior Ricky Hanft could be the next Vincent Van Gogh.

# Top 10

## Dreams Worth Aspiring For

Dictator of a foreign country

Entertainer

Minimalist

Physician

Lawyer

Novelist

Photographer

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of time to research

Entrepreneur

Professional athlete

Connoisseur of all things





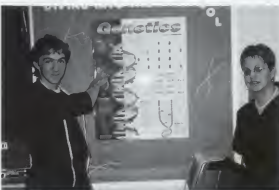
### TEACH ME!

Junior Steve Wesolek wants to be an educator of the highest degree.



### ELECTED OFFICIALS

Senior Doug Harper may one day be President of the United States.



### TRUE LOVE

Senior Laura Timko's dream is to marry rapper Eminem

### CURING CANCER

Freshmen Nick Shreffler and Nicole Larose may cure cancer in the near future.



## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



"I'm constantly running from reality, chasing my dreams."

Ashley Mayer



"I want to be an elementary school teacher. It's something I've always wanted to do."

Amanda Kopischke



dreams & aspirations



John Stivers & Katelyn Rogers



John Barr & Elise Martinelli



Dave Willinski



Happy Prom-goers



Tony Mancich & Heather Taylor



Friends Dancing



Alonzo Ortega



Alex Ross & Laura Calley

**DINNER TIME**  
Julie Reed is  
enjoying her  
meal at Prom.

**CROWNING**  
Prom 2003  
Queen Grace  
Murfy and  
King Gary  
Simkus



ROOT



ROOT



ROOT

**ROYAL COURT**  
Prom Court  
candidates.

**PRIETTY LADIES**  
Girls capture  
the moment  
with a group  
picture.



Hendon

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



ROOT

"A big thank you to Mr. Huber and the Junior Class for all of their time and effort towards Prom. It was the most unique and well organized dance that I have ever been to, and also my favorite."

-- Rachael Reed

Mr.  
Huber



ROOT

Brad  
Hoekstra

"I had a blast at Prom. The whole weekend of Prom was the best time of my life, especially the time at Saccawa's boat in Michigan."

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of times to remember



# Tropical Getaway

Prom 2003 was one of the most unique dances so far in Highland's history of dances. Money to sponsor the dance was raised with the help of Mr. Huber's food cabinet, and with the support of the Junior Class. All Prom-goers were given a boy or girl hula dancer for their dashboard, a door prize, key chains, and so much more.

Photos were taken at the high school fieldhouse prior to the grand event to provide students with even more time to dance and to enjoy themselves at Prom. The theme of "Tropical Getaway" was displayed throughout the hall.

As the night came to a close, it was evident that everybody had a great time. For those graduating, the dance marked the last in their high school career.

Rachael Reed



## LOOKIN' SHARP

These gentlemen all have different styles, but, nonetheless, look good.

## PRETTY PRINCESS

Mindy Reyes is a sparkling vision in her blue gown.

# Top 10

## Places to go the day after Prom

Beach	Monticello	Great America	Friend's House
Turkey Run	Chicago	Family Cabin	
Home to Sleep	Improv Olympics	Kentucky	



dream



■ Justin Timberlake goes solo



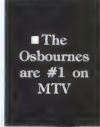
■ Michael Jackson's "Invincible" has low record sales



■ Travis Fimmel is a top male model



■ Ben Affleck is named "Sexiest Man Alive"



■ The Osbournes are #1 on MTV



■ Gisele Bündchen is a top female model



■ Paul McCartney remarries after wife's death



■ Brandy has a baby girl



■ J LO divorces her second husband



■ Ashanti explodes on the music scene



■ Gavin Rossdale marries Gwen Stefani of No Doubt



■ Eminem has a #1 C.D. and movie



# 2002-2003



■ Lord of the Rings tops the Box Office



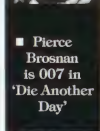
■ President George W. Bush unites America



■ Jamie Lynn Sigler is a Soprano



■ U.S. Soldiers head to Iraq



■ Pierce Brosnan is 007 in 'Die Another Day'



■ Cristina Aguilera gets 'Dirty'



■ Jennifer Aniston's last season of 'Friends'



■ Adam Sandler is 'Mr. Deeds'



■ Shakira shakes up the charts in the U.S.



■ Sarah Michelle Geller stars in 'Scooby Doo'



■ JC Chasez establishes OnlyArtist.com

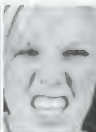


■ Kylie Minogue returns after a decade-long hiatus





■ Anna Kournikova tops tennis



■ Pink 'Gets the Party Started'



■ John Mayer leaves 'Room for Squares'



■ Michelle Branch brings back women with guitars



■ Apolo Ohno wins a gold medal at the 2002 Winter Olympics



■ Hayden Christensen stars in 'Star Wars Episode II'



■ Jimmy Fallon hosts the 2002 MTV Music Awards



■ Will Smith is back in 'Men in Black II'



■ Paul Oakenfold is a world-famous D.J.



■ Gwen Stefani & No Doubt release 'Rock Steady'



■ Mike Meyers returns in 'Austin Powers III'



■ The U.S. economy is still suffering



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# In Review



■ Shifty collaborates with DJ Oakenfold



■ Halle Berry wins Oscar for leading actress



■ Jessica Simpson marries Nick Leachy of '98 degrees'



■ The Wallflowers release a new C.D.



■ Mandy Moore goes on a Walk to Remember



■ United We Stand



■ Lincoln Park tops the rock charts



■ Left Eye of TLC dies in a car crash



■ Daniel Bedingfield goes #1 in the U.S.



■ Hoobastank is 'Crawling in the Dark'



■ Vin Diesel is 'XXX' in hot summer movie



■ Thicke releases 'Get you Alone'

# Celebrations

Everyone enjoys a party, and during the course of the year, there are many types of celebrations. Each year we grow one year wiser, so they say, and even a simple birthday can be a big celebration, celebrated with both friends and family.

Each year provides people many opportunities to get together with friends and loved ones. We not only celebrate birthdays, but we also celebrate athletic victories by our favorite teams, and holidays, like Halloween, Valentine's Day, Fourth of July, Christmas, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo, and New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Overtime Dances at school also give students a reason to enjoy themselves, but, undoubtedly, Prom, Turnabout and Homecoming are the three events students look forward to most because they are the biggest, and most celebrated dances of the school year.

Celebrations and holidays give people an opportunity to enjoy themselves, a time to reflect on accomplishments, and a reward for all of those dull, boring days throughout the year.

Mariadna Cordoba  
& Alicia Ruiz



## YEAH, TEAM!

The varsity volleyball team is getting pumped up to head downstate.



Shurlew

Hoskins

# Top 10

## Reasons to Celebrate!

New Years	Passing Finals	Birthdays
Independence Day	Victories	School Dances
Christmas	Graduation	Hanukkah
		Kwanza

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**BIG SURPRISE**  
Sophomore Stephanie Opolski smiles with delight about her birthday.



Shurlov

### **TWISTING AWAY**

These girls celebrated the night by dancing.



Shurlov

### **O' LITTLE TOWN**

What better way to say Christmas than to decorate.



Shurlov



Shurlov

### **BALLOONS**

Senior Sarah Warner turns the big 18.

### **TOGETHERNESS**

The Junior Class gets to know each other more in Natural Helper.

## **VISUAL IMPRESSIONS**



Shurlov

"One of my most memorable celebrations is when I went to Las Vegas for my step-sister's wedding. Not only was the wedding fun, but there are just so many fun things to do in Las Vegas!"

**Robert Litavec**



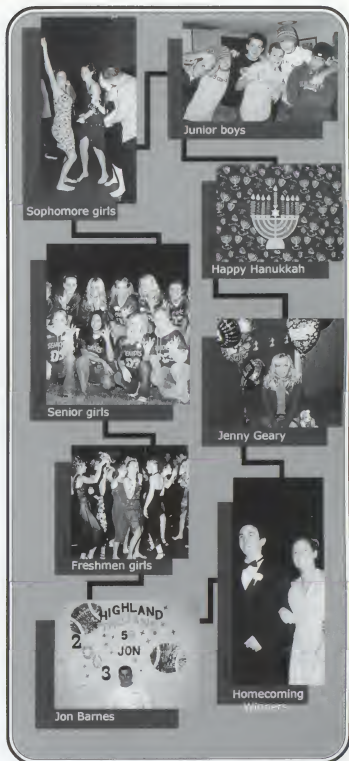
Shurlov

"I love when my family comes in from out of town to have one of our many traditional family celebrations. Just to be able to see everyone together again gets me excited!"

**Rahel Parker**



*celebrations*



Junior boys

Sophomore girls

Happy Hanukkah

Senior girls

Jenny Geary

Freshmen girls

Jon Barnes

Homecoming

**FAKING IT**  
Jen Dewier  
pretends to  
fall asleep.

**MMMMM CANDY**  
It's always a  
good time for  
snacks says  
Sarah Heintzman.



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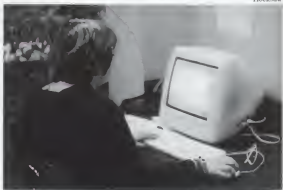
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**PERFECTION**  
Phil Meyer  
enjoys  
coloring his  
car.

**STUDIOUS**  
Heather Taylor  
surfs the net  
in the library.

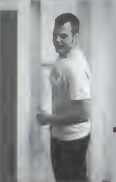


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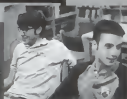
Chris and Megan



Steve Bush



Matt and Rob



Tim Palka



Collin Magdziarz



Sarah Warner



Shawn and Brianna



Ashley Fleishman



## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



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"I met some of my really close friends during free time at school, like in lunch. It gave me a time to think about stuff other than school."

Rachael  
Reed



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"The best time ever during free time was sleeping in class in Japanese."

Kevin  
Theobald



# War Against Boredom

There are some students that are so busy with after-school activities that they have little time for anything else. For the rest of us, however, the hours of the day drag on, and on, and on ... endlessly.

"I don't have much free time seeing I have to run from class to class. That's the only way to escape the wrath of Mr. Urban," sophomore Gina Rayson said.

During free time, some people finish up homework for other classes or read the newspaper, but then there are others who catch up with sleep during class. If you consult other students, they'll tell you how some of the best memories in high school were made during free time.

Free time is a time where you have the choice to do what you want. There are a lot of different social groups here and everyone spends their time differently.

Kevin Popovich  
Tim Barany

**NAP TIME**  
Senior Yasmin Rios gets a little extra sleep in the Commons before school.

**STRESSED!!**  
Philip Miller can't wait for class to get over.

## Things to do in free time at school

Calculator games	Sleep	Eat	Doodle
Pass notes	Do homework	Talk with friends	
Read	Cause trouble	Roam halls	



# Tools for Learning

Highland High School is the gateway to our future. In order to achieve our successes in classes, we must have the necessary tools for learning. How useful are these tools? They're a lot more useful than you may have thought.

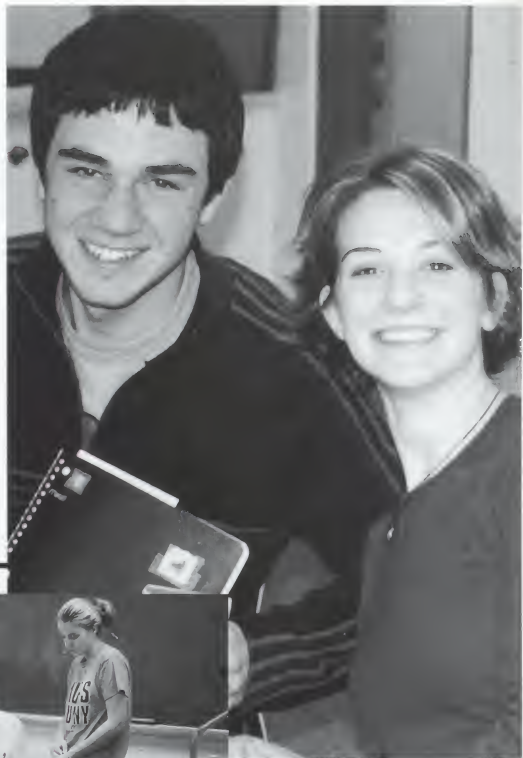
In math classes, you might need a ruler, compass, or protractor, but most importantly, a calculator. A four-function calculator may be useful, but for classes like Pre-calculus and calculus, it simply won't cut it. Those classes require graphing calculators.

For art classes, a sketch book and pencil are required for class everyday. Even if taking a three dimensional art class, the teacher may require the student to make a sketch of their potential project.

You can't get through high school without those heavy books! Most students have one book per class. Others, however, need even more than one book for a class.

If you think that you'll never need any of these tools after high school ... you're wrong!

Nataly  
Carrasco



## HELP PLEASE!!!

Sophomore  
Melissa  
Gawlik uses  
her teacher  
as her handy  
tool.



## WHAT'S MY H.W.?

Is the question seniors  
Kyle Murphy and Dana  
Wilkins would be asking  
everyday without their  
trusty assignment  
notebooks

# Top 10

**Tools a student needs to survive**

Textbooks

Pocket Pilot

Computer

Notebooks

Pencils

Pens

Assignment notebook

Paper

Calculator

Sketchbook

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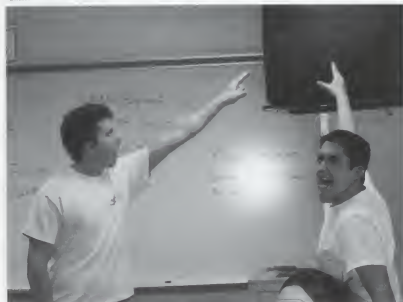
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**INDULGE YOURSELF**  
Junior Josh Swanson and sophomore Brandon Raymond do some research in the library

**TAP TAP TAP**  
Senior Yasmin Rios learns how to use the functions on her calculator.



Shurlow



Shurlow



Shurlow

**MOVIE MOVIE!**  
Seniors Chris Johansen and Ogul Ahuoglu want a free day after typing that impossible Hamlet paper!

**LEARNING AIDS**  
Senior Stephanie Reed takes notes with ease.



Traci Kuiper



Adrienne Daumer



Laura Daley



Melody Harris



William Shoemaker



Sheena Weaver



Maritza Cordova



Heather Konyar

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



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"I would be sooooo unorganized without my assignment notebook!"

Mindy  
Kuiper



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"I don't really have any learning tools because I don't learn very much. But I wish I did have some learning tools."

Tim  
Barany



tools for learning



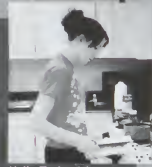
Josh Jabczynski



Michele Mileusnich



Waiting for the call



Kelly Turkevich



Greg Wieseemann



Steve Smallis



Garret Jacobs



Let me in!

## WHAT THE HIEY

Seniors Kyle Thompson and Adam Carrier study on the floor.

## JAM LOCKER!

Locker jams can be extremely stressful.



Hockstra



Hockstra



Shorlow

## STUDY TIME

Junior Erika Perez, senior Marisa Saucedo and sophomore Brittnee Gresser

## WHAT AM I DOING?

Sophomore Mike Bewley concentrates on a blank piece of paper.



Hockstra

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



Cammins

"There always seems to be a million things to do, and not enough time to do them. Everyone demands your attention right now. Then they want you to devote all of your time to them."

Dean  
Kessler



Cammins

"STRESS?! I don't know what you're talking about! I don't have stress."

Doug  
Harper





# Too Much Stress

Many adults say that high school is the most memorable time in your life, and yet they never say why. What the super studious will always remember, too, is that high school can be a very stressful time.


"Teachers put a lot of stress on students and it is very hard to live up to expectations," senior Dana Marlowe said.

Stress from school, work, and family can ambush anyone at anytime. Yet the adult world beckons with its flashing lights and opportunities. High school has never been anything but a cauldron of stress, always boiling and threatening to erupt.

Society is stressful enough without school and the politics of dancing. There are many different ways to cope with stress, often yoga, music, and cats help reduce the symptoms.

Incidentally, most headaches in school children are caused by school-related stress. However, the most reliable cure for stress is to not have it at all.

Christina Smart



## AH, STUDY HALL

Freshman Azzeb Parker and Ryan Drake learn that homework can be done in school as well as at home.

Hookette

Hookette

**LOSING IT ALL**  
Dropping your books in the hall is not only embarrassing, but also an annoyance.

# TOP 10

## Causes of Stress

Authority	Tests	Family	Age
People	Car trouble	Jobs	discrimination
Money	Math	School	



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# I'm so Distracted!

It's quiet ... and your mind is completely focused on the exam questions, a test you've spent many hours preparing for.

Then, suddenly, there's a loud crash as a nearby student drops a heavy book from their desk.

Almost instantly, you feel completely lost, unable to remember a thing ... just another victim in world filled with distractions.

Every day, in every class, students get distracted. When the school day seems to drag on forever, it's almost impossible for some students to pay attention all the time.

It's so easy to become distracted in high school, because, after all, our senses become immune to school and aware of others around us.

But the key, though, is to return to the task at hand and await the next distraction.

Ruth Shimek  
Gina Rayson



Shimek

## THINKING?

Starla Morris, Laura Daley, and Jackie Klein are concentrating too hard to be distracted.



Cummins

## HARD AT WORK

Jen Sinclair concentrates on her gum and others behind her.

# Top 10

## Distractions at School

Girls/Guys

Problems

Significant others

Loud noises

Friends/Non-friends

Food

The hallways

TV

Bad Smells

Lawnmower Man

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### OUTRAGEOUS

Kyle Hawkins points out his colorful shoes which are distracting.



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### EYE CATCHING

Girls in tight pants ... a definite distraction.



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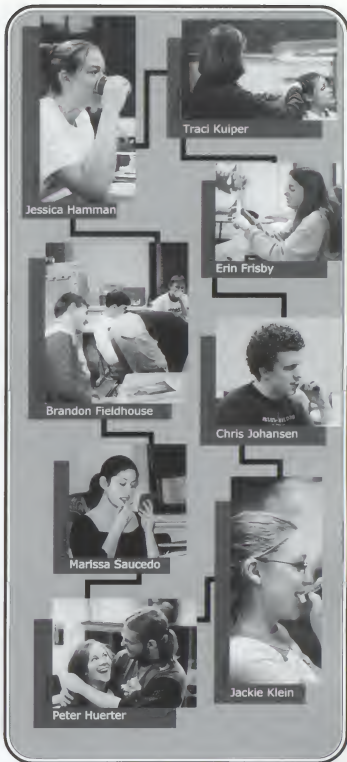
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### CATCHING Z's

Matt Rolland snoozes as class goes on around him.

### HEARING TUNES

Chris Nelson lets his mind escape with a little music.



Traci Kulper

Jessica Hamman

Erin Frisby

Brandon Fieldhouse

Chris Johansen

Marissa Saucedo

Jackie Klein

Peter Huerter

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



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"For me, a distraction from school is Jackie Franz hiding out in the cupboard."

Julie  
Kotynski



Shumek

"People distract me. If I was the only person in the school I would learn so much more."

Donnie  
Glenn



distractions



Yasmin Rios



Lauren Towsnicks



Dan Schultz



Carrissa Ashby



Rachel Scheeringa



Alison Kostelich



Gina St. Antoine & Laura D'Amico

## COFFEE BREAK

Senior Brett Sullivan stops by his locker for a drink after classes.



Shultz

## EEEEWWWWW...

Senior Ryan Perryman likes to keep left over food in his locker.



Shulton



Shulton

## GREETINGS

Senior Steph Reed decorates her locker for the season.

## HELP Us!

Richa Sharma and Michelle Stooksbury try to get their lockers open.



Shulton

# VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



Reed

"Shelly Seitzinger packed like 50 water bottles in her locker last year. It was pretty crazy!"

Naomi  
Pina



Reed

"Uh ... I have a locker? We should be able to use backpacks again."

Jon  
Barnes





Shurlow

# Locker Identifies

When you're assigned a locker at the beginning of the school year, it becomes more than just a convenient place to store books. Your locker, in many cases, becomes almost like your room, a place to store virtually anything imaginable.

It's crazy what people put in their lockers. What do you put in your locker? Are you neat and organized, or, well, just extremely messy?

Everyone has their own unique style and it shows through their locker decor. Some students choose to decorate their lockers with photos of friends, or even magazine posters of their favorite stars.

Decorating the outside of student's lockers for birthdays and big games has become very popular, too. Lockers are also a meeting place for groups to talk and hang out before and after their classes.

Your locker can reveal the "real" you.

Shelly Seitzinger



Shurlow

## FINALLY OPEN

Sophomore Steve Shotts opens up to show his um...clean locker.

## TAKIN' A BREAK

Freshman Charlie Dyke finishes up some homework before class.

# Top 10

## What students keep in their lockers

- |                |         |           |         |
|----------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Books          | Shelves | Magazines | Magnets |
| Pictures       | Food    | Mirrors   |         |
| Message Boards | Garbage | Clothes   |         |



Locker identifies

# Communications

OK, you have an urgent, or what seems to be an extremely important message to deliver to a friend. How you might choose to deliver this message could be open now more than ever to numerous different options.

Technological advances and the availability of these new technologies have made the means of communication much more easier. Many Highland High School students have, or have access to, a cell phone. Though they are not permitted in school, cell phones are extremely popular with students.

The computer, no doubt, has expanded the means of communication. Now, in addition to sending an e-mail message, you can send a video transmission of yourself and a message that you might have for another person.

It seems the ways to communicate are limitless and always expanding to create many new and different ways.

But then, of course, there's still the old standbys when it comes to communication. The telephone, passing notes, and simply talking are still favorites when other ways are not available.

Gina Rayson

&

Ruth Shimek



## PASSING TIME

Kris Boyd passes time in Study Hall by reading a magazine.



Shurlock

## HARD AT WORK

Aaron Miller and Courtney Hendron are hard at work in the journalism lab.

# TOP 10

## Forms of Communication

Telephones   Cell Phones   Letters/Notes

Body Language   Pagers   Walkie-Talkies   School Newspaper

Smoke Signals   Internet   E-mail

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### CLUELESS

Chuck Schwader makes an attempt at sign language.



### KEEPING UP

Kevin Theobald keeps up with current events by reading the newspaper.



### HAVING TROUBLE?

Ryan Hoffman attempts to use his cell phone.



### BACK AND FORTH

Brittany Tomera writes a note to a friend



Julie Reed



Jamie Turkevich



Megan Hasler



Roberta Bigott



Megan Gullickson



Gina Stanko



Nicole Snodgrass



Daniela Todorcel

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



"I think that cell phones should be allowed in school. In case you don't see someone throughout the day, and need to get them a message, you can leave them a voice mail."

Emily Cieslak



"You know what cell phones were called when I was younger? .... Curfews."

Doug McCallister





Jackie Klapak



Kris Boyd



Lauren Hallahan



Students in the hall



Jenny Geary



Lisa Gyure



Tara Traczyk



Amber Lemon

**CHILLIN' IN STYLE**  
Senior Natalie Nowak is accompanied by her little black purse.



Commis

**CAT-WALK**  
Senior Steph Reed struts her stuff with her sling bag.



Reed



Reed

**HANDY HANDBAG**  
Sophomore Sarah Woodbury is hands-free with her leather handbag.

**WHOA!!**  
Junior Alison Kostelich figures out a math problem.



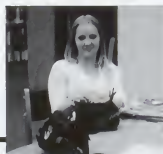
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## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



"I bought my yellow backpack purse so that I could wear it to match the sports I'm in - cross country and track."

Jamie Toren



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"I just recently went shopping and bought my jean purse. I choose jean because it matches everything."

Melissa Fezler



# Carrying on, Day by Day

Accessories! Accessories!

Accessories! They're everywhere at Highland High. Just walk down the halls and you see pink backpacks, colorful notebooks and bookcovers, Spongebob purses, messenger bags for boys, flourbag babies for IPR class, and these are just to name a few. Girls look for the most fashionable, unique way to carry their books, notebooks, and writing utensils. For boys, it is trying to make a statement that guys need bags to carry their things too. Each accessory we own also reflects who we are as a person. So make carrying your boring school items more fun by adding your own unique flare. Carry on!

————— Rachael Reed



Cummings



Cummings

## STUDYING HARD

Senior Yasmin Rios waits with her wild books.

## MAN-BAG

Freshman Kyle Techentin is prepared for school with his tan messenger bag.

# Top 10

## How Highland Carries On

- |            |                |             |         |
|------------|----------------|-------------|---------|
| Binders    | Backpacks      | Jean purses | Pockets |
| Tote Bags  | Monostrap Bags | Briefcases  |         |
| Sling Bags | Hobo Purses    |             |         |



how we carry on



Ryan Perryman



Orchestra



David Peterson



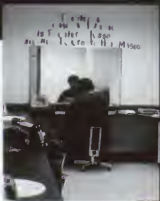
Tracey Cable



Cast of Godspell



Collin Magdziarz & Jade Burley



Mr. Marty Grubbs



Doug Harper & Emmanuel Thomas



Amy Brack

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Images  
of shared interests

# IMAGES

OF SHARED INTERESTS...

*The excellence of the mind can open up new avenues. It is the competitive edge that will help you meet your objectives in life. Academics can be fun too as people come together in clubs to further pursue their interests. Do you like to speak in a foreign tongue, learn about different cultures, or eat exotic foods? Do you have a desire to help others and share your talents? Do you like to hear the thunder of applause and pretend for a short time to be someone else in a different time and place? These are the images of those who have brought their individual talents together to pursue their shared interests.*

Jake Sobota

Matt Prather

Katelyn Rodgers

Mr. Steenson & Mrs. Ferguson

French Club

Laura Tometzak

# CORE CLASSES

## SPEAK UP

Ryan White gives a brief presentation.



Shimek



Shimek

## QUIET QUIZZING

Rachel Lubarski and Amy Mahler study together in the Commons.

## READING

Keith Peterson reads a children's book to his speech class.



Shimek



B. Shimek

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



"My favorite subjects are math and science. With the knowledge from these subjects the universe can be explained. I like these subjects because they expand my learning horizon."

Kathy  
Renfrow

FILL IN THE BLANK

## OUTSPOKEN EVENTS

I TOOK \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, AND \_\_\_\_\_ THIS YEAR. MY FAVORITE CLASS WAS \_\_\_\_\_. THE TEACHER WAS \_\_\_\_\_. MY LEAST FAVORITE CLASS WAS \_\_\_\_\_. MY LEAST FAVORITE TEACHER WAS \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ WAS MY HARDEST CLASS. I COULDN'T WAIT UNTIL I GOT OUT OF \_\_\_\_\_ BECAUSE IT WAS BORING.



# Learning the Basics

## FOCUS IN CLASS

Steve Wesolek tries to pay attention in English class.

## LEARNING

Ashley Volbrecht listens to a lecture in business class.

# Discover the Sources

At any school you go to, there are required classes that must be taken in order to fulfill requirements for graduation. At Highland everyone is required to take an English, math, science, and history class. Although everyone has different favorites, these classes are the basics of learning, or the so-called core classes.

Highland's math department challenges and offers students a chance to stretch their abilities. The class choices range from algebra I to AP calculus. Students take advantage of these opportunities to be fully prepared for the future. The science department is full of experiments and

opportunities to discover the world. Future doctors study anatomy and biology, while future scientists advance in chemistry.

In English, students learn essentials like grammar and writing, and they are also exposed to numerous literary works.

Students will look back to the things they learned and use what they learned to solve future problems.

BY JENNIFER MORALES &  
RUTH SHIMEK

## IN THE HALLS

Katie Craig and Michelle Johnson study outside the classroom.



Shimek



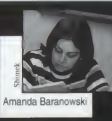
Shimek



Mr. Richardson



Mr. Steenson



Amanda Baranowski



Matt Dunlap



Science class



Jason Douthett



Jordan Cox & Jake Saczawa



Robyn Wolak



one disease

# — Learning with a different twist

## Open the Door to Alternative Learning

At Highland High School students can take sewing, foods, art classes, aerobics, weights, and even construction trades. With all of these diverse courses students can have a new learning experience each year, and nearly every student's learning expectations can be met. Elective learning is a great way to learn new and different things to open new doors.

Some students, because there are so many choices, have a difficult time selecting the course for them.

If you're into cooking, Highland offers a nutrition and wellness course; if you like computers and art, computer graphics might be for you. HHS also offers many advanced level classes, too, helping students to expand their minds and imaginations.

So, if you're interested in becoming a chef, a journalist, an artist, or perhaps a carpenter, HHS has the class for you.

By STEPHANIE REED & ASHLEY MAYER

### STUDY SESSION

Freshmen help each other study in the hallway.

### BABY TIME

Junior Bobbie Gonzalez happily holds her baby.



Hookstra



Hookstra

### CREATIVE

Junior Alex Bujaki creatively decorates her duck cake with her homemade icing during her advanced foods class.



Shirflow  
Marisa Saucedo



Shirflow  
The Band



Shirflow  
Bryan & Christina



Hookstra  
Chris Johansen



Shirflow  
Megan and Jen



Shirflow  
Mariadna Cordoba



Hookstra  
Brian Toppel



Hookstra  
Melissa & Amanda

# Elective Learning



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Hockstra

## HARD WORK

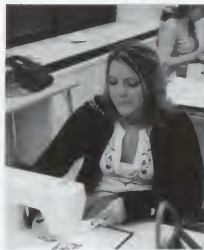
Juniors Scott Thompson and Brett Bach work together during Quest class.



Hockstra

## GIRL TIME

Senior girls go to the library to learn together.



Hockstra

## HAVING FUN

Sophomore Megan Hasler concentrates on sewing a shirt during sewing class.

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## OUTSPOKEN EVENTS

I TOOK \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ THIS YEAR. MY FAVORITE CLASS WAS \_\_\_\_\_. THE TEACHER WAS \_\_\_\_\_. MY LEAST FAVORITE CLASS WAS \_\_\_\_\_. MY LEAST FAVORITE TEACHER WAS \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ WAS MY HARDEST CLASS. I COULDN'T WAIT UNTIL I GOT OUT OF \_\_\_\_\_ BECAUSE IT WAS BORING.

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS

"I'm so glad that our school offers such a variety of classes. It's really been a good learning experience for the students here. I'm proud that Highland High School gives us a choice in our education."

Jim  
Wozny



Hockstra



alternative learning

# WELLNESS

## GYM CLASS

Jordan Gamble strikes a pose during weight class.



Shurtan



Hookstra

## FRIENDS

Billy Metzen and Gina St. Antoine lean on each other when it comes to making healthy choices.

## LIKIE STEEL

Dan Plonczynski pumps some iron.



Hookstra



## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



Reed

"I choose to stay active by staying involved with activities such as cross country and after school weights. Living healthy helps a person become happier in other aspects of life."

Heather  
Opolski

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## OUTSPOKEN EVENTS

I TOOK GYM MY \_\_\_\_ YEAR. THE FIRST SIX WEEKS I DID \_\_\_\_\_. HOWEVER, MY FAVORITE EXERCISE WAS \_\_\_\_\_ AND MY LEAST FAVORITE WAS \_\_\_\_\_. THE BEST MEMORY I HAVE OF THE TEAM IS \_\_\_\_\_. THE WORST MEMORY I HAVE IS \_\_\_\_\_. I'LL NEVER FORGET THE \_\_\_\_\_ I KNOW I WILL NEVER FORGET THE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME I HAD THERE!

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of shared interests



The Right Choice is a Healthy One

# Fitness & Wellness

## GOOD STUFF

Sarah Irrazary and Laura Daley stop and smile.

## GYM FRIENDS

Megan Quail and Kara Georgeff take a gym break.



All students at Highland are required to take a gym course before they graduate. Most choose to take this course during their freshman year. Many others decide that gym is a great class and, consequently, decide to take other more specialized classes.

The classes that fall under the category of "Healthy Choices" are classes like foods, weights, swimming, aerobics, health class, and IPR.

"In IPR I learned to respect people who are different than me," junior Jenna Leyba said.

There are lots of decisions you will have to make in life and in the real world. These classes will help you make healthy choices which may very well carry over into adulthood.

These classes are geared to help students learn and establish healthy habits, build confidence, and, most of all, have fun through exercise.

BY **MARIEDNA CORDOBA** &  
**MADALIN MUROVIC**



## LIKE A ROCK

Rock climbing can be fun, but it is also a great way to test your fitness, too, as Jeff Perrone demonstrates.



Bill Mayer



Joey Peres & Steve Melendorf



Paul Musielak



Traci Kuiper



Running to stay fit



Ruth Shimek



Bethany Kotynski & Traci Kuiper



John Barr

healthy choices

# Hitting all the right notes Doing their very best

Members of the Highland High School band enjoyed a very prosperous year. Concert Band won Division One contest, while Marching Band won Division One Marching Festival.

Fourteen out of 15 students received honors for Division One solo ensemble, and three students went to state on solo ensemble.

The band members also performed in four enjoyable concerts during the year.

"Guard is the best part of band," junior Amanda Devine said. "It seems that

each person has their own favorite part of band since it's divided into different parts, and all of these parts come together to make a great Trojan Pride."

Members of orchestra also enjoyed a successful year with several concerts.

"While school may end, the music will last and always influence the person I want to be," junior Collin Magdziarz said.

The members of band and orchestra certainly have a lot of to proud of.

By MARIEDNA CORDOBA

## HIGHLAND ORCHESTRA:

Front row: Collin Magdziarz, Jade Burley, Danielle Patton, Erica Rozenich, Kelly Turcotte, Gabrielle Dvorscak, Laura Tometzak, John Culp, Brandon Wolak. Back row: Natalie Walker, Patricia Whitener, Maggie Liston, Lizzie Ortman, Chris Conces, Katie Ellis, Steve Zacny, Greg Okamoto, Andrew Shantz.



Brian McCord

Mr. Carr

James Lowry

Mike Witham, Steve Shatz  
Brian Dahlkamp

John Culp & Laura Tometzak

Trojan Pride

Marching Band

HHS Band

# Band/Orchestra



## PLAY IT!

Katie Pena,  
Danielle Cox and  
Amanda Hornback.



Hockstra

## CARRY ON

James Lowry  
on his way to  
play on stage.



## PUMP 'EM UP

Brian Dahlkamp  
strikes a pose.

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## OUTSPOKEN EVENTS

I JOINED BAND/ORCHESTRA MY \_\_\_\_  
YEAR. MY FIRST EVENT PERFORMING WAS \_\_\_\_.  
HOWEVER, MY FAVORITE EVENT WAS \_\_\_\_, AND  
MY LEAST FAVORITE WAS \_\_\_\_\_. I USUALLY  
DID \_\_\_\_ AT CONCERTS, BUT I ALWAYS HAD FUN.  
THE BEST MEMORY I HAVE IS \_\_\_\_\_. THE WORST  
MEMORY I HAVE IS \_\_\_\_\_. I'LL NEVER FORGET THE  
TIME I \_\_\_\_, IT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE!

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS

"Orchestra is a good  
learning experience for  
future music involve-  
ment. It has also taught  
me to play other  
instruments."

Jon  
Culp



band/orchestra

# CHOIR

## GO FOR THE GOLD

Junior Andrea Lepucki digs deep for a good tune.



Shurlov



Shurlov

## SING ME A SONG

You're the piano man Mr. Markley!

## WHAT TO DO?

Junior Danielle Bennett ponders what song to sing next.



Shurlov



## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



Reed

"On the way down to State on the school bus, I had to go so bad. I thought we couldn't stop so I held it for 3 hours! I thought I was going to die! And worse I had to go on the way home too!"

Starla  
Morris

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## OUTSPOKEN EVENTS

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# The Choir sings their hearts out!

## GOD BLESS AMERICA

The choir, along with the whole school, remembers the 9/11 tragedy.

## TAKING IT ALL IN

Freshman Kyle Ruebel soaks it up in his first year in choir.



Shurlow

Cummins

# Shout it Out Loud!

It doesn't matter if you're tone deaf or ready for the opera, Highland High School has a choir that is ready to take on the variety of singers that come their way. Being a part of choir is a journey full of great experiences with lifelong friends.

Throughout your time during choir you can enjoy musical competitions and chances to show off your talent. ISSMA is one of the many competitions students can go to.

"ISSMA is a lot of fun," senior Sarah Cummins said. "It gives us a chance to meet kids from other schools and to do what we do best."

Preparing yourself and building confidence for such events is easy when Director Mr. David Markley is there to help.

So if you're singing the high notes, the low notes, in a duet, or in an anxiety-filled solo, choir is a memorable experience.

By ASHLEY MAYER



**HIGHLAND VARSITY CHOIR:** Back row: Peter Hueter, Bryan Mejia, Dan Liera, Kyle Ruebel, Matt Fiedlerphanna, Ashley Snowden, Gina Skank, Jessica DeBoer, Ann Reimer, Sarah Brack, Amanda Benko, Amber Lemon, Sarah Cummins. Second row: Kyle Tochtien, Steve Wesolok, Kyle McCambridge, David Wilinski, Ben VanSickle, Kim Lindsey, Jacki Klapak Lisa Gyure, Theresa Abney, Sarah Lounges, Stefanie Hernandez, Stephanie Brass, Amy Brack. Third row: Ryan Perryman, Matt Gutierrez, Eric Landon, Doug Harper, Kyle Jains, Erica Will, Molly Donner, Starla Morris, Lauren Brechner, Traci Kuper, and Ashley Dillard.



Ashley Dillard



Bryan Mejia



Kim Lindsey



Ashley Snowden



Alison Kostelich



Lisa Gyure



Matt Gutierrez



Eric Landon



# The Creative Corner

## Entertaining the Audience

Some of Highland's most creative students are involved in speech and drama class. The artistically inclined students get to really express themselves.

In speech class, a required course needed to graduate in Highland, there is a wide variety of speeches performed. The informative, persuasive, impromptu, and oral interpretations are the types of speeches given.

Each speech is timed and critiqued by fellow students and the

speech teacher.

In drama class, students act, perform impromptu skits, and give monologues. The students work hard to entertain the audience, making them feel as if they were part of the skits.

In speech and drama class, students enjoy expressing themselves creatively.

BY MICHELE MILEUSNICH

### ENTHUSIASM

Senior Matt Fledderjohann and freshman Ben VanSickle

### ON BENT KNEE

Junior Brian Mejana and senior Matt Fledderjohann

### It's Show Time!

The actors perform "Godspell" with leading man senior Matt Fledderjohann.



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Bernadette Medina



Mallory Greene



Steve Shotts & Matt Fledderjohann



Rick Silaj



Adam White & the actors



On stage

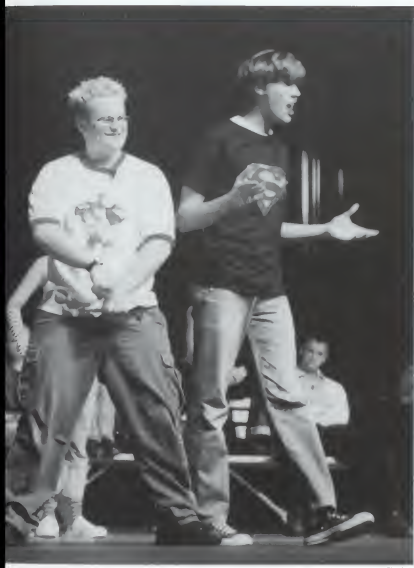


Awards Assembly



Steve Shotts

# SPEECH & DRAMA



Shurlock



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**JUST SELL IT**  
Junior Ashley Dillard dances for the audience.



Shurlock

**WRITING THE SCRIPT**  
Seniors Kyle McCambridge and Matt Fledderjohann look over the script.



Shurlock

**STAR SEARCH**  
Junior Amber Lemon gives a monologue.

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## OUTSPOKEN EVENTS

I JOINED THE SPEECH TEAM MY \_\_\_\_ YEAR. MY FIRST EVENT PERFORMING WAS \_\_\_\_ HOWEVER, MY FAVORITE EVENT WAS \_\_\_\_ AND MY LEAST FAVORITE WAS \_\_\_\_ I USUALLY DID \_\_\_\_ AT THE MEETS, BUT I ALWAYS HAD FUN. THE BEST MEMORY I HAVE OF THE TEAM IS \_\_\_\_ THE WORST MEMORY I HAVE IS \_\_\_\_ I'LL NEVER FORGET THE \_\_\_\_ OR MY SPEECH TIME EXPERIENCE(S)!

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS

"My most memorable moment of drama class was my sophomore year when Briana Meeder and myself were practicing cheese shop and the Monty Python sketch and would say 'oh instead of ooo' and it has been kind of a joke between us since."

Kyle  
McCambridge



Shurlock



speech & drama

# SHIELD

## SNAPSHOT

Junior Photo Editor Brad Hoekstra prepares to take the perfect picture.



Hoekstra



Cummins

## GO AWAY!

Senior Rachael Reed shows she doesn't want to be bothered while working.



Sharlow

## WORKING HARD

Ashley Mayer and Sarah Cummins look through old yearbooks to get ideas for their layouts.



## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



Sharlow

"I really liked being part of the staff. I had a lot of fun and I learned many things. It's an easy class and it was one of my favorites."

Mariadna  
Cordoba

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## OUTSPOKEN EVENTS

I JOINED THE SHIELD MY \_\_\_\_ YEAR.  
MY FIRST LAYOUT WAS \_\_\_\_\_. HOWEVER, MY  
FAVORITE WAS \_\_\_\_\_ AND MY LEAST FAVORITE  
WAS \_\_\_\_\_. I USUALLY DID \_\_\_\_\_ IN CLASS, BUT  
I ALWAYS HAD FUN. THE BEST MEMORY I  
HAVE OF THE SHIELD IS \_\_\_\_\_. THE WORST  
MEMORY I HAVE IS \_\_\_\_\_. I'LL NEVER  
FORGET \_\_\_\_\_.



# Documenting the school year

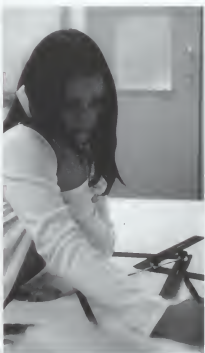
# Smile for the camera!

## TEAMWORK

Junior Ruth Shimek and sophomore Jen Morales work well together.

## BUSY BODY

Sophomore Gina Rayson makes an important phone call to an advertiser.



Many students who walk by the yearbook room, otherwise affectionately known as the "J-room," think - 'Wow, they seem to have a lot of fun.' Well, you're right, because being a member of the distinguished yearbook staff is very enjoyable. Students, however, put in plenty of work to meet stressful deadlines in order to document the history of Highland High School for that particular school year.

Sure, yearbook staff members

have a lot of fun, but you just can't have all work and no play! How do you think this yearbook looks so good every year anyway? No one does it for us.

It's all the responsibility of the students who take the class. That's a lot of pages to design - more than 230 pages. Although, it's so much fun doing it!

By COURTNEY HENDRON



## HIGHLAND YEARBOOK STAFF:

*Front Row:* Ashley Mayer, Christina Smart, Rachael Reed, Stephanie Reed, Jackie Klein. *Second Row:* Ellie Hansotte, Mindy Kuiper, Katie Sharlow, Jeannette Hacker, Sarah Cummins, Brad Heckatz. *Third Row:* Marietna Cordoba, Ruth Shimek, Samantha Lynch, Beth Shimek, Madalin Murovic, Courtney Hendron, Jen Morales. *Back row:* Nataly Carrasco, Shelly Seitzinger, Tim Barany, Aaron Miller, Kevin Popovich, Gina Rayson. Not pictured: Michele Mileusnich.



Sharlow  
Courtney Hendron & Jackie Klein



Shelly Seitzinger



Hackatz  
Beth Shimek



Sharlow  
Michele Mileusnich



Sharlow  
Sam Lynch & Jeannette Hacker



Sharlow  
Mindy Kuiper



Shield Editors



Sharlow  
Madalin Murovic



shield

# — Spanish teachers set to retire

# Opening Doors

# through Language

No matter where you go in Highland High, you're guaranteed to hear someone speaking another language. One of the best things is that there's a variety of languages to choose from. A student could choose to take Spanish, German, Japanese, or French. All choices are beneficial to each student who takes a class.

"I have taken Spanish all four years of high school. I love the challenges that it brings, and I love being able to speak and understand another language," senior Emmanuel Thomas said.

Sadly, after this year, Mrs. Margaret

Leahy and Mrs. Elia Lopez are both retiring after many years of teaching at Highland High.

"I'm really going to miss both Mrs. Leahy and Mrs. Lopez. I had both of them as teachers, and they made Spanish fun for me. I hope that they enjoy retirement," senior Kyle Hawkins said.

The students agree, and from the bottom of our hearts, we wish them the best of luck in the future!

BY SAMANTHA LYNCH

## HOLIDAY CHEER

Highland French Club members Jessica Livingston, Colleen Benson, Matt Prather, and Amber Lemon take a quick pic while at a French Club Christmas party.



## HOW PRETTY!

Bernadette Medina shows off her beautiful Can-Can dress.

## FASHION QUEENS

Sophomores Jill Odom and Jessica McFarlane strike poses for the camera.



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# FOREIGN LANGUAGE



## DANCIN' TEAM

Mr. Doukas and his partner dress up for a cultural dance.



## BON APPETITE!

Junior Matt Prather and Mrs. Certa enjoy a nice bite to eat.



## PARTY TIME!

Sophomores Rich Silaj, Jessie Weaver, and Lindsay Turner party in French class.

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## OUTSPOKEN EVENTS

I JOINED FRENCH CLASS MY \_\_\_\_ YEAR.  
MY FIRST EVENT PERFORMING WAS \_\_\_\_ HOW-  
EVER, MY FAVORITE EVENT WAS \_\_\_\_ AND MY  
LEAST FAVORITE WAS \_\_\_\_, I USUALLY DID \_\_\_\_ AT  
CLASS, BUT I ALWAYS HAD FUN. THE BEST  
MEMORY I HAVE OF THE CLASS IS \_\_\_\_ THE  
WORST MEMORY I HAVE IS \_\_\_\_ I'LL NEVER  
FORGET THE \_\_\_\_ OR MY EXPERIENCE(S)!

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS

"French class is awesome. I love the class and Mrs. Certa. The friends I've made and the memories will last forever. I can't wait until my senior year, so that I can have just as much fun as I do now."

Matthew Prather



# ART/NAHS

## IT'S A WINNER

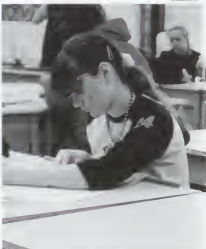
Sophomore Theresa Schmidt enjoys expressing herself in art.



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## GROUP PICTURE

NAHS officers Laura Timko, Katelyn Rodgers, Carie Gentry, and Jamie Turkevich smile for the camera.



Hacker

## TAKING HER TIME

Junior Megan Bodie concentrates on her project.



## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



"NAHS was a lot of fun this year and the club accomplished a lot- and Miss Szymanski was a great sponsor!"

Ashley  
Gaffigan

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## OUTSPOKEN EVENTS

I TOOK \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, AND \_\_\_\_\_ THIS YEAR. MY FAVORITE CLASS WAS \_\_\_\_\_. THE TEACHER WAS \_\_\_\_\_. MY LEAST FAVORITE CLASS WAS \_\_\_\_\_. MY LEAST FAVORITE TEACHER WAS \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ WAS MY HARDEST CLASS. I COULDN'T WAIT UNTIL I GOT OUT OF \_\_\_\_\_ BECAUSE IT WAS BORING.



## NAHS Members Paint Murals

### TEAM LEADER

Senior Laura Timko works on the Oscar statue that was featured in the Homecoming float.

### WRAPPING IT UP

Sophomore Erica Rozenich puts the finishing touches on her painting.

# Adding Color to Life

Whether enrolled in an Intro to 2-D, ceramics, or drawing class, or perhaps a member of the National Art Honor Society (NAHS), many Highland students find a way to incorporate art into their daily school life.

This year the NAHS members decided to begin painting murals on the walls of Highland High, as well as at Southridge Elementary, to "brighten up the school."

Each department and office has its own mural to represent them. From the home economics department to speech, and from the attendance to the English department, every department is well-

represented. With Laura Timko leading the way, other NAHS members and sponsor Ms. Szymanski use their artistic abilities to benefit Highland High School.

NAHS members find other ways to have fun and show off their artistic abilities. For example, to go along with this year's Homecoming theme, *Hollywood*, members of the NAHS made a film strip and dressed up as famous movie characters.

BY GINA RAYSON



**HIGHLAND NAHS:** *Front Row (L-R):* Ms. Szymanski, Brian Bernardino, Dean Kessler, Erica Rozenich, Krystle Krucek, Nathan Tschentin, Nicole Ladwig, Ali Szymanski, *Middle Row (L-R):* Tiffany Clayburn, John Sapota, Sara Metescvac, Chris Ellis, Jason Douthett, *Back Row (L-R):* Kevin Theobald, Julie Kotynski, Dennis Wojkovich, Carrie Gentry, Laura Timko, Jamie Turkevich, Katelyn Rodgers, Jen Bond, Andria Shoemaker, Richard Hayes, and Adam Zatorski.



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Maritza Cordova



Jamie Turkevich



Ryan Cains



Amanda Snyder



Matt Colias



Melissa Bonham



Adrienne Daumer



Jen Lachowicz



# —Theatre loses its main star Dancing their way to Hollywood

Throughout the years, the Highland Theatre Company has stood the test of time, especially now with the loss of their fearless leader, Mr. Marty Grubbs. The captain of captains has moved on to bluer skies and greener pastures. Though the conductor of the drama symphony will be sorely missed, that doesn't mean that the HTC will simply pass away with the sands of time. This year Mr. Grubbs led the HTC in putting on one musical, *Godspell*, and two murder mysteries. The last and final production of the year, a musical, *Pippen*,

was directed by Mr. Markley.

This year the HTC has had its ups and downs, and people come and great ones go. But the members of HTC have found it in their hearts to run across their lips the coined expression we all know so well, "The show must go on!", and it most certainly did at a very high level.

BY AARON MILLER

## THE CAST

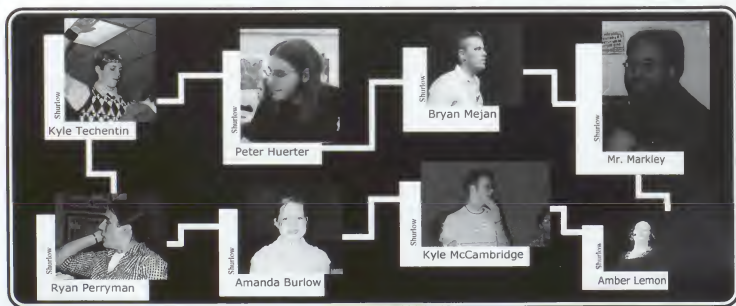
The cast of *Godspell* performs at one of their three shows they put on. The cast onstage includes: Alison Kostelich, Amber Lemon, Ashley Dillard, Sarah Lounges, Lisa Guyer, Allison Brack, and Bryan Meján.



Shurlow



Shurlow



## WELL DONE

The cast of *Godspell* takes a bow.

## SHOW TIME

Ashley Dillard dances with fellow cast members.

# Highland Theatre Company



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## DANCE TIME

Adam White instructs the cast how to dance.



Shurlov

## REHEARSAL TIME

Amy Brack and Steve Wesolek practice their dance for *Godspell*.



Shurlov

## ON GUARD

Steve Shotts practices for a scene.

## OUTSPOKEN EVENTS

I JOINED THEATRE COMPANY MY \_\_\_\_ YEAR. MY FIRST ACTING WAS IN \_\_\_\_. HOWEVER, MY FAVORITE EXPERIENCE WAS \_\_\_\_ AND MY LEAST FAVORITE WAS \_\_\_\_\_. I USUALLY DID \_\_\_\_ AT THE PLAYS, AND I ALWAYS HAD FUN. THE BEST MEMORY I HAVE OF THE GROUP IS \_\_\_\_\_. THE WORST MEMORY I HAVE IS \_\_\_\_, I'LL NEVER FORGET THE \_\_\_\_ OR MY THEATRE COMPANY EXPERIENCE(S)!

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS

"The best thing about being a part of the Theater Company is making the best friends I've ever had, and being able to get on stage and act for my mom and dad."

Matthew Fledderjohann



Reed



theatre company

# NHS/Peer Tutor

## WHAT TO DO?

The car wash is so busy senior Jeff Perrone doesn't know where to start.



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## WAX ON, WAX OFF

Senior Tim Marczewski is the master cleaner.

## WATER POWER

Senior Joe Stankovich washing off the soap mad-style.



Hacker



## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



Road

"National Honors Society has been a lot of fun this year. We've done many activities that I didn't know NHS did. I'm glad there is a club for academics."

Kevin  
Theobald

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## OUTSPOKEN EVENTS

I JOINED NHS MY \_\_\_\_ YEAR. MY FIRST ACTIVITY WAS \_\_\_\_\_. HOWEVER, MY FAVORITE EVENT WAS \_\_\_\_\_ AND MY LEAST FAVORITE WAS \_\_\_\_\_. I USUALLY DID \_\_\_\_\_ AT THE EVENTS, BUT I ALWAYS HAD FUN. THE BEST MEMORY I HAVE OF NHS IS \_\_\_\_\_. THE WORST MEMORY I HAVE IS \_\_\_\_\_. I'LL NEVER FORGET THE \_\_\_\_\_ OR MY NHS EXPERIENCE(S)!



## Students helping students

# Honoring Honors

### CAR WASH

Senior Kyle Murphy makes sure the bus is spotless.

### SPARKLIN'

Senior Sarah Vuckovich helps the fundraiser by paying and washing her own car.



Hacker

Hacker

National Honor Society has been in existence for many years. The club honors those students who maintain a B-average. The club's leaders include: President Joe Stankovich, Vice-President Jamie Toren, Treasurer Emmanuel Thomas, Secretary Ashley Volbrecht, Student Council Representative Dennis Wojkovich, and teacher advisor Mr. Martin.

Not only is this club about grades, but it is also about helping the community. NHS has held many events like the Food Drive in November for the needy and for Highland Emergency Food, Valentine for Veterans, the annual car wash, and Teddy Bears for St.

Jude's Children Hospital.

Yet another activity that NHS does is peer tutoring. Students in all grades can come into Mr. Martin's room after school and get tutored by an NHS member in any subject. NHS is a worthy club to be in and something for younger students to strive to be in their senior year.

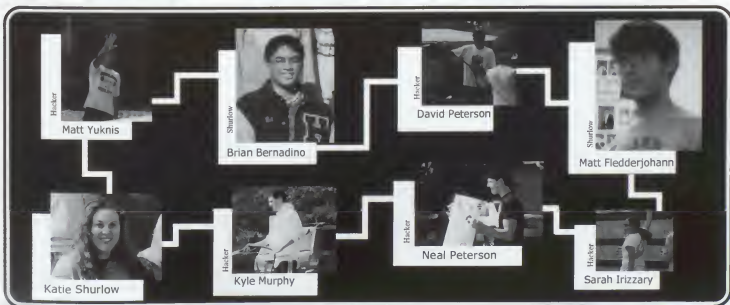
BY RACHAEL REED



Hacker

### THE HARD PART

Seniors Nataly Carrasco and Emmanuel Thomas do the dirty work of organizing the papers and money.



# Caring for the Community

## Making School A Better Place

Student Council is one of the most prestigious activities at Highland High School. Sponsored by Mr. Dennis Kaminski and Ms. Alicia Taylor (who replaced Mr. Marty Grubbs), the group organizes school- and community-wide activities. During Mr. Grubbs's final meeting, he shared one last thought about the program: "Being a part of a great service group like Student Council has really enriched my job here at Highland High School. We help a lot of people and I was glad to be a part of that."

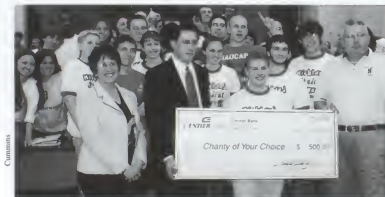
Student Council organized one of the biggest Homecoming Dances ever, with

more than 600 people attending the dance. Student Council also organized two successful blood drives, and the annual Spaghetti Dinner was a big hit this year, too, raising \$5,700 for Mike Boehm, a senior at HHS who has leukemia.

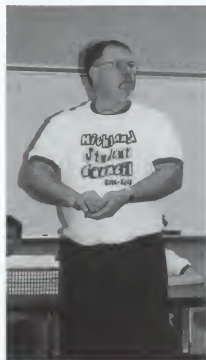
The whole town of Highland recognizes Student Council as a vital group to the school. Undoubtedly, with the newly elected officers, Student Council will continue on its path to greatness.

By MINDY KUIPER &  
ELLIE HANSOTTE

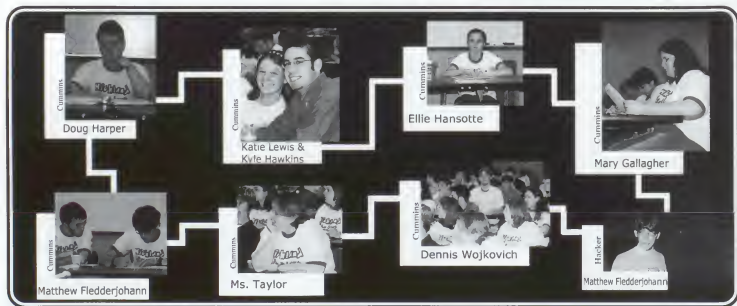
**Student Council:** President Doug Harper, Vice President Matthew Fledderjohann, Treasurer Adam Zatorski, Corresponding Secretary Brooke Torrens, Recording Secretary Ellie Hansotte, and Parliamentarian Joe Stankovich.



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### CHOW TIME!

Senior Kyle Hawkins and Marty Grubbs enjoy their cake.

### ORDER! ORDER!

Mr. Kaminski, the sponsor of Student Council, keeps the group in line.

# STUDENT COUNCIL



Hockstra



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## DANCE FEVER

Members worked hard to decorate for the dance.



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## HELPING OTHERS

Seniors Emmanuel Thomas and Doug Harper present a check to Mrs. Boehm.

## HOMECOMING

Sophomores Margaret Liston and Katrina Jensen were some of the many people who enjoyed the Homecoming Dance.

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## OUTSPOKEN EVENTS

I JOINED STUDENT COUNCIL MY \_\_\_\_ YEAR. MY FIRST ACTIVITY WAS \_\_\_\_. HOWEVER, MY FAVORITE ACTIVITY WAS \_\_\_\_ AND MY LEAST FAVORITE WAS \_\_\_\_ I USUALLY DID \_\_\_\_ AT THE MEETINGS, AND I ALWAYS HAD FUN. THE BEST MEMORY I HAVE OF THE GROUP IS \_\_\_\_. THE WORST MEMORY I HAVE IS \_\_\_\_. I'LL NEVER FORGET THE \_\_\_\_ OR MY STUDENT COUNCIL EXPERIENCE(S)!

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS

"Student Council is a wonderful activity that provides leadership qualities to students as well as responsibilities in the community. I have been extremely happy to be involved in such a wonderful group."

Doug Harper



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student council

# KEY CLUB

## BIG BEAR HUG

Senior Kyle Hawkins gives a friendly hug to a friend.



B. Shreck



Shreck

## OFFICERS

Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Hawkins are joined by officers Stephanie Vandiver, Tracey Cable, and Tracy Anderson.

## KEY CLUB SYMBOLS

The president rings the bell to begin each session.



B. Shreck



## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



"Key Club was so much fun this year and I am even more excited for next year because I will be the president. I encourage everyone to join! I love Mrs. Ray!!"

Stephanie  
Vandiver

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## OUTSPOKEN EVENTS

I TOOK \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ THIS YEAR. MY FAVORITE CLASS WAS \_\_\_\_\_. THE TEACHER WAS \_\_\_\_\_. MY LEAST FAVORITE CLASS WAS \_\_\_\_\_. MY LEAST FAVORITE TEACHER WAS \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ WAS MY HARDEST CLASS. I COULDN'T WAIT UNTIL I GOT OUT OF \_\_\_\_\_ BECAUSE IT WAS BORING.

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of shared interests



## Club takes service to new level

# Unlock the door to Community Service

### DANCE AWAY

Kyle Hawkins gets to spend a slow dance with his friend.

### ALL BUSINESS

Junior Chuck Schwader is always prepared during meetings.

The Highland High School's Key Club is one of the most active clubs in the county. It has been going strong for several years, and this year they tried to spread to other schools. They always have a handful of volunteers, but the trouble comes in making sure that everyone gets the chance to participate.

Key Club members, in addition to their various other activities, visited the elementary schools in Highland to read to the young students as a group in their classes.

Meetings for the club, sponsored by Mrs. Ray, were held every Wednesday.

This year Kyle Hawkins was nominated to be the state's Lieutenant Governor and received several awards for all of his hard work.

Club treasurer, Tracy Anderson, said her favorite activity is the district convention.

"It is a great time to get to know the other members who are working for the same priorities," she said.

BY RUTH & BETH SHIMEK

**HIGHLAND KEY CLUB:** Bridget Marczewski, Megan Serwacki, Natasha Boilek, Lisa Gyure, Matt Warner, Eric Nelson, Dennis Wojkovich, Mindy Kuiper, Christina Lannin, Kevin Popovich, Gary Simkus, Sarah Warner, Chuck Schwader, Julie Reed, Emmanuel Thomas, Rachel Reed, Jennifer Likander, Jessica Dahlkamp, Amy Mahler, Brent Scaniaik, Heather Serwacki, Dean Kesler, Christina Smart, Jennifer Morales, Tracey Cable, Ruth Shimek, Jennifer Lachowicz, Tracy Anderson, James Lowry, Stephanie Vandiver, Rachel Lubarski.



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Shawlow



Mrs. Ray



Giving announcements



Key Clubbers



Getting a great view



Lock-In



Mark Augustym & Cindy Cieslak



Mindy Kuiper



Dancing for fun



Key Club

— Challenges drive students to succeed —

# Brains & Brawn

The dedication and determination of the Science Olympiad team is only matched by the intelligence and upper level humor of the Academic Decathlon team.

Science Olympiad students build projects that coincide with their events; there are many different events and different team members participate in different events, much like track for science. This year the team made it to state with the leadership and skill of senior Molly Donner.

"Science Olympiad is a fun group where friends are made and science is

learned in a new, fun way," Donner said.

While Science Olympiad takes itself very seriously, Academic Decathlon has quite a different flavor. A relaxed, enjoyable atmosphere is promoted by its members, and, as for state competition, the team hopes next year will be a bit more successful.

BY CHRISTINA SMART

## FRIENDLY FACE

Junior Lisa Gyure is happy to be in Academic Decathlon.

## ROBOTS

Junior Bernadette Medina holds her robo buddy.

**Academic Decathlon:** *Front Row:* Lisa Gyure; *Middle Row:* Ryan Prendergast, Jeanette Brass, Keith Anderko, Andy Piccirilli, Christina Smart; *Back Row:* Dana Marlowe, Mark Rushakoff.



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Jeanette Brass



Hockley  
Mr. Ryser



Hockley  
Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. Steenson & Mr. Ryser



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Jim Wozny



Smart  
Jeanette Brass



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Dana Marlowe & Jeanette Brass



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Bernadette Medina



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# Academic Decathlon & Science Olympiad



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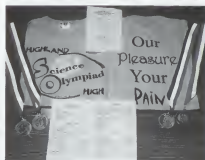
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## GIANT ROCKETS

Heather and  
Megan Serwacki  
show their rocket.



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## SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Front Row: Mark Rushakoff,  
Heather Serwacki, Ryan  
Prendergast, Jeanette Brass, Valerie  
Haenny; Middle Row: Bernadette  
Medina, Molly Donner, Megan  
Serwacki, Doug Harper; Back Row:  
Jay Sherby, Tom Pozywio, Kathleen  
Pena, Richard Silaj, Jim Wozny,  
Mr. Chapman.

## THE PROGRAM

Science Olympiad T-  
shirt, medals, and  
event program

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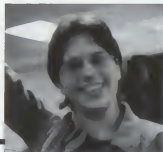
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\_\_\_\_\_ BECAUSE IT WAS BORING.

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS

"Academic Decathlon  
was great. I learned new  
things, including Zen, and  
met new friends, like  
Jody."

Jeanette  
Brass



Smart

# Speech & Debate

## PREPARATION

Lauren Griffin shows us her serious side.



Shurlov

## FUN

Lauren Griffin, Mrs. Griffin, and Mr. Kilburn keep watch.

## CONCENTRATION

Dean Kessler concentrates on his next speech.



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## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



Reed

"This year was a lot of fun, one of the best that I've had with the team. I am really going to miss the team and the fun of the meets, but at least I'll always have the memories. I'll never forget the speech years."

Steve  
Sostaric

FILL IN THE BLANK.

## OUTSPOKEN EVENTS

I TOOK \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_  
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TEACHER WAS \_\_\_\_\_. MY LEAST FAVORITE  
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\_\_\_\_\_ BECAUSE IT WAS BORING.



Year of fresh faces

# Talent through Knowledge

## WE WANT YOU!

Freshman Matt Biesen acts as the official speech team recruiter.

## BREAK TIME

Lisa Gyure and Amber Lemon take some time to relax.



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It doesn't matter to the members of the Highland Speech team that they started out with many and ended with only a few. The team had a great team spirit despite the lack of members. The best moment for the team was when all three members qualified for state competition.

"It was a great way to end my second season," sophomore Lauren Griffin said. "Steve Sostaric, Dean Kessler, and I all worked really hard. Though we were knocked out early in competition, we had fun."

Fresh faces and new places were the key to the Debate team's season. Although the team was made up of mainly freshmen, the team did have a few familiar faces leading the way. Coach Adam Baez and senior Keith Anderko had great leadership and led the team to individual wins.

"The team did a great job," Coach Baez said. Along with individual wins, senior Keith Anderko and freshman Greg Manus both qualified for semistate in Congress.

BY SAMANTHA LYNCH



## SMILE

Matt Fledderjohann, Lisa Gyure, and Steve Sostaric goof around at the award ceremony, relieved, too, that the competition is over for the day.



Lauren Comer



Mr. Baez



Mr. Kilburn



Mike Dobosz



Carl Russell



Jennifer Franek



Greg Manus



Brandon Maicher



speech & debate

— Organizations dedicated to students —

# Making the world a better place

TREND is an organization dedicated to making Highland High School a better place. TREND stands for Turning Resources and Energy in a New Direction. This year TREND has done many projects to improve their school and community. They started off the year with a sleepover on the football field where people slept in boxes to raise money for the homeless. They also put a lot of work into Red Ribbon Week and TATU.

Natural Helper is designed to bring students together, students who otherwise may never get to meet. Friendships are formed and it's a great experience, many students say.

Snowflake is a fun night for those students who participate. Whether it was when you were a participant back

in middle school or a group leader in high school, you will always remember it. Four high school leaders team up with a group of 13 middle school students. Each small group talks about different issues which may impact the kids when they enter high school. The groups also had a Superstar-like event and attended Dead End, an intense look at the results of Drunk Driving.

BY KEVIN POPOVICH



## LATE NIGHT

Alex Ross, Danielle Bennett, and Heather Zuhl have trouble staying awake.

## GETTING ALONG

A small group takes time for a picture at Natural Helper.

## CREATIVE

Senior Yasmin Rios shows off her creative side.



Kyle & Morgan



Kuiper sisters



Denise & Kyle



Mallory Greene



Katelyn Rodgers



Natural Helper Fun



Small Group



TREND Sleepover

# Natural Helper, Snowflake, & TREND



## NICE DRESSES

Senior leaders wear dresses for a skit at Natural Helper.



## RAISING AWARENESS

A group of freshmen sleep in a box to raise money for the homeless.



## PICTURE TIME

Maureen Valle and Kyle Ruebel enjoy their box party.

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## OUTSPOKEN EVENTS

I JOINED TREND MY \_\_\_\_ YEAR. THE  
BEST PART OF IT WAS WHEN WE DID THE \_\_\_\_  
THIS WAS MY \_\_\_\_ YEAR I DID SNOW-  
FLAKE. MY FAVORITE PART WAS THE \_\_\_\_ I  
WILL NEVER FORGET \_\_\_\_  
DURING THE WEEKEND OF NATURAL  
HELPER I HAD A \_\_\_\_, I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER  
\_\_\_\_

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS

"This year at Snowflake was enjoyable because it was my senior year and I got to hang out with all my cool, awesome classmates. It was a night not soon to be forgotten."

Stephanie  
Reed





Lindsay Plikuhn



Chris Johansen



Varsity Girls' Soccer Team



Senior Night



Aaron Bugajski



Matt Yuknis



Brienne Mahala, Anne Kivarta, & Megan Portales



Varsity Boys' Basketball Team



Adam Zatorski



Mary Sutliff




# IMAGES

## — THAT STRETCHED THE LIMIT... —


*The camera records the swing of the triple on a full count that drives in two runs in the bottom of the sixth and changes the course of the championship game. A still shot of a player with his face smashed into the mud and arms outstretched holding the ball just inches over the goal line helps us to remember the pouring rain and the pounding of our hearts. The picture of a white dimpled ball parting the wet green grass inches from the cup will make us hold our breath again as we remember how the ball slowly dropped in. These are the images of individuals who have stretched the limit.*




Billy Metzen




Kara Georgeff




Varsity Girls' Basketball Team



Marina Aburto



Nick Castillo



Georgieann Michels

# VISUAL IMPRESSIONS

"I will miss all of my teammates and my coaches the most."

Stephanie  
Reed



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"My most memorable moment of the soccer season was before the Andean game."

Marisa  
Pepelea



Pepovich

"Our new coach came in and stepped up the program and provided all the leadership the team needed."

Lyndee  
Arnold



Pepovich

"We were very successful. We had a lot of team unity, but I think next year we will be better."

Kara  
Georgeff



Hoekstra

## KICKIN' IT

Senior Stephanie Reed gets ready to kick past a Valpo opponent.



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## CONCENTRATION

Senior Lyndee Arnold prevents a Valpo player from stealing the ball.



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## TEAMWORK

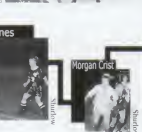
Junior Marisa Pepelea protects the ball, while senior Lyndee Arnold keeps an eye on another opponent.



Shurtlow

## BUSTING OUT

Senior Sarah Jones greets young soccer fans at a game.



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Varsity Intro



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Lauren Hallahan



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Coach Gossman



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Sarah Jones



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Morgan Crist



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Lyndee Arnold



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## WE'RE #1!

Several members of the varsity girls' soccer team show they are #1. Row 1 (left to right): Colleen Benson, Brittany Gacsy, Morgan Crist, Babe Simkus, Katie Lewis, Stephanie Reed. Row 2: Elise Mihalik, Donna Smailis, Lisa Stiglitz. Row 3: Brianna O'Keefe, Jennifer Vuckovich, Jessica Livingston.



ROOT

**MASTER BLASTER**  
Junior Katie Lewis prepares to blast the ball past the opposing team.



## Trojans Kick the Sky

Waves of fear, anxiety and anticipation mingle together to create nature's version of speed - adrenaline. It pumped through the collective veins of the Highland varsity girls' soccer team and propelled them to new levels of athleticism. The Trojans won the vast majority of their regular season games. They also made it all the way to the sectional finals. Not only did they play well, but they also enjoyed themselves.

Senior Lauren Hallahan said "Being able to play with all of your friends and having fun at the same time," was one of the many benefits of playing soccer.

Brianne Mahala also said, "You get to become better friends with everyone."



ROOT

**HIGHLAND VARSITY GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM:** Row 1: (L to R) Ashley Ruiz, Amy Guined, Sarah Jones, Danielle Shelton, Cindy Cieslak, Jennifer DeWier, Julie Nelson, Lisa Stiglitz. Row 2: Denise Kilmer, Ashley Gaffigan, Brianna O'Keefe, Colleen Benson, Jessica Livingston, Sarah Barney. Row 3: Jennifer Vuckovich, Brianne Mahala, Kara Geotgerli, Allison Starosuck, Elise Mihalik, Ashley Barah, Babe Simkus. Row 4: Caitlin Gierymski, Alyse Caden, Donna Smailis, Megan Pando, Brittany Gacsy, Ellie Hanson. Row 5: Natalie Dmironovich, Morgan Crist, Lyndee Arnold, Lauren Hallahan, Katie Lewis, Jessica McFarlane, Marisa Pepera. Row 6: Coach Gosman, Stephanie Reed, Anne Kvarva, Natalie White, Coach Moss.

**HIGHLAND VARSITY GIRLS' SOCCER:** Crown Point L 2-1, Griffith W 3-1, Lake Central T 1-1, Hammond-Morton W 7-0, Portage L 5-2, Lowell W 9-0, Chesterton L 4-1, Merrillville T 4-4, Andean W 2-1, Concord W 2-1, Hammond-Noll W 1-0, Hobart W 8-2, South Bend Riley Tourney-Northridge W 4-2, Merrillville L 5-2, Munster L 2-1, Valparaiso L 3-0, Sectional: Lowell W 9-1, Griffith W 1-0, Lake Central L 1-0

Christina  
Smart  
&  
Tim  
Barany



girls' 2025

## CONGRATS!

The boys get ready to congratulate the other team.



# Battling Back

When a team can finish with an above-.500 record, the season is usually considered a success.

The Highland varsity boys' soccer team did just that, finishing with a 9-8 record, and this coming after the squad opened with four losses in its first five games. This was quite an achievement for the team which worked very hard and was determined to do well. Without many veterans, players like Gary Simkus (MVP), Josh Fleishman (Most Improved), and senior Kyle Hawkins (Mental Attitude) had to step up their games.

"It has been a great four years and I am really going to miss everyone. We have worked so hard," Hawkins said. Whether their memories consisted of showing their skill on the field or just enjoying moments off the field, members of the team would remember this season for years to come.

*Shelly  
Satzinger*

## TEAMWORK

The team comes together to plan their winning strategy.



**HIGHLAND VARSITY BOYS' SOCCER TEAM:** BACK ROW (L to R): Coach Anderson, Mark Trznadel, John Frisby, Andrew Wozniowski, Gary Simkus, Kyle Hawkins (captain), John Mouratides, Coach Hankins. MIDDLE ROW: Brian Bodamer, Mike Kelley, Jake Margraf, Manuel Cordova, Nathan Techemin, Mark Crist, Steve Wesolek. FRONT ROW: Keith Nelson, Ryan Bocken, Josh Fleishman, Adam Schechner, Tommy Mis, Justin Gamble. Not pictured Mike Cancel.



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**HIGHLAND VARSITY SOCCER:** Griffith L 2-1, Portage L 3-0, Hammond High W 2-0, Lake Central L 4-2, Chesterton L 4-0, Andean W 4-2, Valparaiso L 8-3, Lowell W 5-1, Hobart L 3-0, Hammond Morton W 1-0, Argos W 3-1, Munster L 3-0, Hammond Noll W 2-1, Crown Point W 3-2, Hammond Clark W 3-1, Hammond Gavitt W 3-0, *Sectional:* Merrillville L 3-0

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**DETERMINATION**  
Junior Adam Schechner tries to steal the ball away from his opponent.

**ANTICIPATION**  
Junior Josh Fleishman keeps his eye on the ball.



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**WE ARE #1!**  
Senior guys show their school spirit for the soccer team.

**DEDICATION**  
Junior Mark Crist runs to score a goal for his team.

Mark Trznadel

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# VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



Seitzinger

"This season was great because of the way we worked. It was fun, too, even though everyone made fun of me."

**Kyle Hawkins**



Seitzinger

"What made the year so fun was that we were much more involved, and when Johnny got the hook stuck in his toe."

**Michael Kelley**



Seitzinger

"One of the funniest things that happened this year was when Andrew Wozniowski fell on Nathan Techentin and broke his collar bone."

**John Mouratides**



Seitzinger

"This season was better because we did yoga before games. The funniest thing was when Johnny and Fleishman got lost on the rock climbing trip."

**Brian Bodamer**



boys' soccer

# VISUAL IMPRESSIONS

"I had a great first year. We have a lot of talent on the team. We all had fun."

Jill  
Odom



"This season was a blast! We had great talent and an awesome team. I will never forget the memories made."

Sarah  
Jones



ROOT

"At practice I hate running, but at the meets, you've gotta love it!"

Mallory  
Greene



"We are all really close and I'm going to miss everyone when I leave."

Jamie  
Toren



## SPEED

Sophomore Ali Szymanski races her way past several opponents.



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## STRETCH

The girls help each other warm up before the meet.



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## GIRL TALK

The senior girls keep the morale high by having a laugh.

## CONFIDENCE

Junior Jen Lachowicz stays content during the meet.



ROOT



ROOT



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Yasmin Rios & Amy Nimetz



ROOT

Jennifer Sknerski



ROOT

Highland girls



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Sarah Jones



ROOT

Meghan Palm



ROOT

Jill Odom



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## TOGETHERNESS

The girls do a team huddle before the meet to prepare themselves.



ROBERT

## AGILITY

Seniors Amy Nimetz and Heather Opolski run side by side to the finish line.



# In the Fast Lane

See Jill run, see Jill run very, very fast ... all the way to state and helping the Highland varsity girls' cross country team to a fine season.

Just a sophomore, Jill Odom finished her season by placing 33rd at the state championships. The team could not have done so well, either, without the guidance of coach Tom Reynolds and assistant coach Andrea Odom.

"We had a great season," Coach Reynolds said. "Although we finished fifth in our conference, the girls exceeded all expectations. They worked harder this year than in the past and it was apparent in our performance."

The girls started out their season practices with a four-day "training" camping trip at the Indiana Dunes in July, and they continued to work hard until the season ended.

Some of the other top runners were junior Jen Lachowicz, and seniors Sarah Jones, Laura Daley, and Brooke Torrence.

Modellin  
Munster  
E

Country  
Hendson



ROBT

**HIGHLAND VARSITY GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY TEAM:**  
Back Row: Assistant Coach Andrea Odom, Laura Daley, Lindsay Plikuhn, Mary Sutliff, Jessica Hamman, Jill Odom, Heather Opolski, Megan DeWier. Middle Row: Yasmin Rios, Meghan Palm, Brooke Torrence, Amy Nimetz, Marina Aburto, Heather Zuhl. Front Row: Sarah Jones, Mallory Greene, Jennifer Sknerski, Jamie Toren, Ali Szymanski, Jennifer Lachowicz, Sarah Bugajski.

**HIGHLAND VARSITY GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY:** LaPorte Classic 4th, Hammond Gavitt Invite 6th, Crown Point L. Munster L. Lowell L. Hanover Central L. Hammond Gavitt W. Valparaiso L. Kouts L. Morgan Township L. Gary Roosevelt W. T.F. South Rebel Invite 9th, Griffith W. Rensselaer Invite 3rd, Hanover Central L. New Prairie Invite 20th, Lowell L. Highland Invite 8th, Kankakee Valley Invite 6th, Conference 5th, Sectional 3rd, Regional 8th.



girls' cross country

## TEAM UNITY

The Trojans unite for a pre-meet huddle.



# Setting The Pace

Runners on your mark, get set, GOOOOOOO!

Junior Ryan Hall takes off, passing up runners and breezing through the finish. Hall, one of Highland's boys cross country team's top runners, finished the season with many accomplishments. Hall, placed in the top five at the New Prairie Invite, second at the Gavitt Sectional and finally placed 21st at semistate.

The Trojans have never looked so good. The boys placed first in conference for the first time in Highland High School cross country history. Another accomplishment achieved was placing 16th at semistate, marking the team's second straight trip to that level of competition.

"The season went really well. We accomplished a lot of our goals we set at the beginning of the season. It was a great year," junior Ryan Hall said.

The team set high goals and next season seems even more promising with many runners returning.

*Michele Mitenovich*

*Audrey Mayer*

## WHAT A HALL!

Junior Ryan Hall gives his all, as he nears the finish.



**HIGHLAND VARSITY BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY TEAM:**

Back Row: Adam Zatorski, Sean Fox, Jason Douthett, Coach Carlos O. Aburto, Matt Gauthier, Ben Ross, Dan Mihalik. Middle Row: Greg Manus, Alex Bogusz, Jon Biancardi, Aaron Bugajski, Ryan Hall, Jon Sapya. Front Row: Ben Kalinowski, Michael Moynihan, Adam Schechner, Jonathon Summerfott, Greg Porras, Charlie Dyke, Jon Velasco.



**HIGHLAND VARSITY BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY:** Hammond Gavitt Invitational 1st, Crown Point L, Munster L, Hammond Gavitt W, Hanover Central W, JF South Invitational 4th, Griffith W, Hanover Central L, New Prairie Invite 3rd, Lowell L, Highland Invitational 6th, Kankakee Valley Invitational 1st, Conference 1st, Sectional 2nd, Regional 3rd, Semistate 16th

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**NO LIMITS**  
Freshman Jon Biancardi has no limits as he places 14th at the Gavit Sectional.

**DOUBLE TEAM**  
Senior Aaron Bugajski and junior Adam Schechner set the pace.



ROOT



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**TOGETHER AS ONE**  
The Trojans take off at the Highland Invite.

**RUN DAN! RUN!**  
Senior Dan Mihalk pushes to the finish.

# VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



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Ryan  
Hall

"This year our team was not only good, we had respect for each other and great times."



ROOT

Jon  
Biancardi

"All the runners improved tremendously and their times dropped."



ROOT

Aaron  
Bugajski

"We had a really good year, and the freshmen really stepped it up."



ROOT

Matt  
Gauthier



ROOT

Jonathon Summerlott



ROOT

Jason Douthett



ROOT

Adam Zatorski



ROOT

Job Velasco



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Charlie Dyer



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Sean Fox



boys' cross country

# VISUAL IMPRESSIONS

"Coach Rossa ... she fell on her butt in front of the crowd at the Andrean game when she went to sit down."

Stephanie  
Zimny



"The most memorable part of our season was going down to state! It was an experience we'll never forget!"

Jody  
Shimaneck



"This season was a lot of fun. The best thing was that we all got along well and pushed each other to do our best."

Amanda  
Kristy



"I knew we were going to be a competitive team this season. We have lots of talent. As long as we worked together no one could stop us."

Tara  
Traczyk



## INTENSITY

Coach Denise Rossa guides the girls to victory at regionals.



## SPIKE

At regionals, Tara Traczyk attacks and makes a point.



## PUMP IT UP

The team takes a moment at the tournament to re-energize.

## GOT IT

Tara Traczyk prepares to bump the ball at one of their games.



The crowd



Georgiann Michels



The team



Julie DeMuth



Georgiann Michels

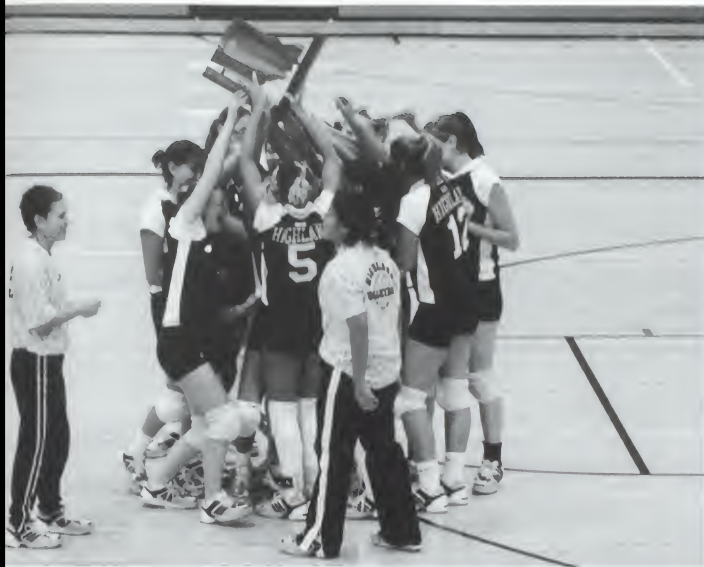


Julie DeMuth



## THEY MADE IT!

The girls celebrate a hard-fought victory at sectionals.



## GET READY!

Amanda Kristy goes for the ball with her teammates nearby for support.



# Taking it to State



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**HIGHLAND VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM:** Top Row: Coach Denise Rossa, Cassi Siska, Amanda Zahorsky, Andrea Cloe, Kathleen Renfrow, Coach Lisa Breitweiser, Middle Row: Julie DeMuth, Katie Kane, Jody Shimanek, Georgiann Michels, Bottom Row: Stephanie Zimny, Dana Wilkins, Tara Traczyk, Amanda Kristy.

It was evident from the beginning – way back in the summer – that the Highland varsity volleyball team was perhaps headed for big things. Naturally, the Trojans proved that they had it in them to go all the way. Highland's determined group captured a regional title and advanced to the Class 3A state finals, a first in school history in girls' sports.

"This has been the best season ever," junior Stephanie Zimny said.

Highland finished its storybook season with a 29-6, losing to eventual state-champion Delta in the state semifinals.

"I'm proud of our record, because we have improved so much this year," sophomore Kathy Renfrow said.

There were numerous highlights to the season, including beating Michigan City after losing the first two games.

"We never gave up," senior Jody Shimanek said, summing up the season, the team's pride, and its determination.

Ruth Shimanek

E

Aaron Miller

**HIGHLAND VARSITY VOLLEYBALL:** Crown Point L, *LaPorte Tourney:* Concord W, S.B. Clay W, Merrillville W, Goshen W, Griffith W, Michigan City W, Hammond High W, Lake Station W, Whiting W, Calumet W, Valparaiso W, Morton L, Andrea W, Portage W, Clark W, Lowell W, Gavitt W, Munster W, *Merrillville Tourney:* Valparaiso L, Penn L, McCutcheon W, Lake Central W, Noll W, *Highland Invitational:* Goshen W, *Andrea W, Elkhardt Memorial L,* Chesterton W, Hobart W, *Sectional:* Gavitt W, Noll W, *Regional:* Plymouth W, Twin Lakes W, *State Finals:* Delta L



volleyball

## TOUGH YARDS

Running back Brett Bach attempts to make his way through the tough Griffith Panthers' defense.



# Trojans Go Hard

The Highland Trojans' varsity football team began the year with new coach and high expectations. The season started with a bang – the Trojans won four of their first five games. As their season got more difficult, so did the practices ... hours of practice, averaging more than 15 hours per week were spent preparing for the tough games to come.

With key players Brett Bach, Kris Boyd, Jon Barnes, Ricky Hanft, and Chris Johansen, along with Team Captains Billy Farrenkopf and Mark Natelborg, the team fought through the rest of the challenging season. The season came to an end with a difficult loss against Hammond Morton in the sectional opener. With many returning members for the upcoming 2003 season, the Highland Trojans look forward to a successful season.



HIGHLAND VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM: Row 1 (l. to R.) Nathaniel Scott, Nick Ferguson, Jason Venn, Matt McCarty, Keith Mills, Mike Chen, Matt Hanson, Jake Barber, Jason Cole, Steve Zetty, Jake Scarsone, Jeff Fenschak. Row 2: Jason Tyler, John Fenschak, Nick Yalons, Tony Gassner, Jeff Perone, Kyle McCambridge, Steve Faught, Mario Rodriguez, Gabe Rodriguez, Kevin Frasse, Sean Mortensen, Andy Crow, Row 3: Dennis Wojcik, Jon Kolkos, Chris DeWalt, Mark Popovich, Mike Chavez, Corey Anderson, Chris Schwader, Kim Boyd, Matt Yalons, Brett Bach, Ricky Hanft, Steven Bach. Row 4: William Farrenkopf, Justin Tallington, Mitch Onda, Dan Penczynski, Mark Neudberg, Chris Johansen, Jon Barnes, Dan Crook, Nick Remickler, Peter Hanson, Kevin Popovich, Row 5: Nick Newland, Matt Watson, Mike Karsced, Andy Zurecht, Paul Smith, Brandon Magrath, Aaron Ross, Andy Locke, Mike Hickey, Matt Padilla. Row 6: Lynn Finkbeiner, Coach Dan Miller, Kevin Bachman, Jeff Barry, Brandon Finkbeiner, Kevin Thomas, Gary Simkus, Steve Edwards, Coach Eric Miller, Coach Joe Tolbert, Coach Mike Poyner, Nick Picard, Tony Perez.

## PRESS BOX

Some VIPs and members of the media have an ideal view in Highland's newly renovated press box.



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Chris Rayson

Kevin Popovich

HIGHLAND VARSITY FOOTBALL: Chesterton L 34-3, Hammond Gavit W 40-14, Hammond High W 27-20, Lowell W 23-13, Calumet W 56-0, Andean L 41-7, Munster L 49-0, Griffith L 52-30, Hammond Morton L 40-19. Sectional: Hammond Morton L 46-14.



# VISUAL IMPRESSIONS

## TIMEOUT

Junior Dan Plonczynski enjoys himself during a water break.

## RUN, BRIETT, RUN!

Brett Bach rushes for a touchdown against the Griffith defense.



Hookers



HOOKERS



HOOKERS



Comments

## KICKER

Chris Johansen punts the ball during a game vs. Griffith.

## RALLY TIME

Team Captains Billy Farrenkopf and Mark Natelborg

## Seniors



Comments

## Martin Grubbs



Comments

## Nick Yulius



## Jon Barnes



HOOKERS

## Coach E. Miller



HOOKERS

## Kris Boyd



HOOKERS



Chris  
Johansen



Hookers

Andy  
Locke



Rayson

Ricky  
Hanft



Hookers

Matt  
Winston

"We worked really hard this year and had a great season."

"Playing football at Highland for the past 6 years has helped me develop many friendships that I will not forget."

"I love going to practice everyday and seeing Coach (Dan) Miller's smiling face."

"I had so much fun playing football with all of my friends."



Football

# VISUAL IMPRESSIONS

"We had a great season. We had some good tennis players and great coaches. We won a lot, but more importantly we had fun."

Brian  
Bernadino



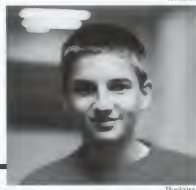
"We were very successful and one of the top teams in the area. If it hadn't been for our coaches' guidance, I know we wouldn't have done as well."

Jim  
Wozny



"We had a great season this year. It was a lot of fun playing with all of the older guys. I can't wait until next year."

Danny  
Ztanetakos



"I think that we had a good year. We had a hard-working team. We had a lot of new team members who were good, and will be even better next year."

Charlie  
Stapke



## UP HIGH

Senior Jim Wozny stretches to new heights to set up the perfect serve.



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## FOCUS, FOCUS!

Senior Mike Mazur focuses all of his attention on hitting the ball just right.



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**STAYIN' GROUNDED**  
Junior Garret Jacobs shows his ability to hit the ball while keeping his feet on the ground.



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**BEST OF LUCK!**  
Coach Mazur retired this year after 35 years of coaching.



Coach Mazur & Garret Jacobs



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Mike Mazur



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Brandon Kitchell



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Danny Ztanetakos



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## EASY AS PIE

Senior Dru Kitchell shows great skill and ease while returning an opponent's serve.



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## BALANCING ACT

Senior Brian Bernadino displays intense concentration and balance while serving the ball back over the net.



# Beating the Odds



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**HIGHLAND VARSITY BOYS' TENNIS TEAM:** Back Row (L-R): Coach Jerry Mazur, Jordan Cox, Brian Bernadino, Eric Mackey, Ryan Torrella, Conrad Szklarz, Eric Meeder. Assistant Coach Adam Baez. Front Row (L-R): Danny Tzanetakos, Mike Mazur, Dru Kitchell, Jim Wozny, Brandon Kitchell, Richard Silaj, Garrett Jacobs. *Not pictured:* Charlie Stapke.

## Ace, Set, Match.

The Highland varsity boys' tennis team completed their season with a record of 15-4. This was a great accomplishment for both the team and coach, Mr. Jerry Mazur, who this year retired after 35 years of coaching.

"I am very proud of how well the season went and how well the team came together. I am very honored to end my years of coaching with such a great season," Coach Mazur said. Coach Mazur brought a great deal of leadership to the team and will be greatly missed.

The team's record was greatly attributed to the leadership of senior captains Mike Mazur and Dru Kitchell, along with seniors Brian Bernadino and Jim Wozny, juniors Garrett Jacobs and Charlie Stapke, and freshmen Brandon Kitchell and Danny Tzanetakos. Highland was defeated just four times, however, three of the losses were suffered against Munster, including a season-ending match for the regional championship.

"After our last match at regionals, lying on the court, my dad came up to me and hugged me for the last time of my high school career; it was one of my most memorable moments," senior Mike Mazur said.

*Samantha Lynch*

**HIGHLAND VARSITY BOYS' TENNIS:** Valparaiso 1-2, South Bend Clay W 5-0, Merrillville W 4-2, Lake Central W 4-1, Calumet W 5-0, Crown Point W 5-0, Lowell W 3-2, Highland Doubles 2nd Place, Andean W 3-2, Hammond Gavitt W 5-0, Munster L 4-1, Merrillville Tourney 3rd Place, Griffith W 5-0, Hammond Morton W 5-0, Andean W 3-2, Munster L 4-2, Hobart W 3-0. **Sectionals:** Kankakee Valley W 5-0, Lowell W 4-1, East Chicago W 5-0, **Regional:** Munster L 4-1



boys' tennis

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HIGHLAND

VARSITY GIRLS'  
BASKETBALL

Merrillville	W	54-39
S.B. Riley	W	44-40
Munster	W	56-40
Portage	W	56-43
Andrean	W	42-20
Lowell	W	46-24
Crown Point	W	47-39
Hobart	W	55-25
Griffith	W	54-43
Gavit	W	64-24
Penn	W	46-38
Bishop Noll	W	58-13
Chesterton	W	43-36
Morton	W	55-17
Elmhurst York	L	60-55
Lake Central	L	45-41
Munster	W	56-27
Lafayette Jeff	W	58-44
<b>Sectionals</b>		
Gavit	W	73-30
Bishop Noll	W	57-23
Hammond	W	73-24
<b>Regionals</b>		
Northwestern	W	33-27
Tippy Valley	W	59-46
<b>Semi-State</b>		
S.B. State	L	35-26

# Spectacular Season

Some might say it's the end of an era for Highland girls' basketball. Graduating are several talented seniors who helped to make the Lady Trojans one of area's elite teams.

The season, yes, is over, but what a terrific ride it was for this highly successful group.

The Highland Lady Trojans had another spectacular year as they swept sectionals and regionals to become one of the final four teams in the state. Seniors Lyndee Arnold and Jessica Hamman dominated the area along with junior all-stater Julie DeMuth.

Highland finished its amazing season with a 21-3 record, and reached the semistate for the third consecutive season. As for the seniors, they concluded their careers with an impressive 87-12 record over the last four years.

Kevin  
Popovich

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



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### LONG RANGE

Junior Julie DeMuth drains a shot from three-point territory.

### COACH HUPP

Coach Huppenthal guides the Lady Trojans to a victory over Chesterton.



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"This was a great basketball season. I finally got the chance of playing with two good feet."

Tara  
Traczyk

"We worked hard and had a good season. There is a lot for us to be proud of."

Lindsay  
Plikuhn

"Basketball was a great time. I made a lot of good friends who I will never forget."

Lyndee  
Arnold

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# ON THE MOVE

Lyndee Arnold drives past her opponent.



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# NICE SHOT

Mary Sutliff makes good on a long jumper.

# WINNING WAYS

Tara Traczyk drives to the basket.



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Georgieann Michels



ROOT

Julie DeMuth



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Anne Kvarta



Georgieann Michels



ROOT

Katie Lewis



ROOT

Lindsay Plikuhn



ROOT



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HIGHLAND VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM: (L to R) Row 1: Coach Huppenthal, Coach Frayle, Jessica Hamman, Tara Traczyk, Lindsay Plikuhn, Lyndee Arnold, Mary Sutliff, Coach Samis, Coach Stirling. Row 2: Mike Mazur, Stephanie Zimny, Cassi Siska, Ashley Sampson, Julie DeMuth, Jody Shimanek, Katie Lewis, Georgieann Michels, Anne Kvarta.

# BULLYING THE BOARDS

Senior Jessica Hamman takes control of the game as she pulls down another rebound.



girls' basketball

Joey Peres



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Gary Simkus



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Kris Boyd



ROOT

Peres, Simkus, and Schmal



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Michele De Meo



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Joel Schmal



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## LOOSE BALL

Juniors Kevin Thomas and Brett Bach scramble for a loose ball.

**CONTROLLING THE PAINT**  
Senior Andy Locke plays tough defense.



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## UNITED WE STAND

The Trojans rise for the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner."



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**HIGHLAND VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM:** *Front Row:* Aaron Bugajski, Joey Peres, Coach Eric Miller, Head Coach Doug McCallister, Mike McFarland, Joel Schmal, Andy Locke, *Back Row:* Kris Boyd, Billy Metzen, Michele De Meo, Gary Simkus, Dan Plonczynski, Brett Bach, Kevin Frazier



## TIME OUT

Coach McCallister gives the Trojans a pep talk during a 20-second time out.

# Sectional Champs!



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**BENCH SUPPORT**  
Seniors Michele DeMeo and Andy Locke, and junior Kevin Thomas focus on the game.

**Go Bugs, Go!**  
Senior point guard Aaron Bugajski pushes the ball up the court.

The Highland varsity boys' basketball team finished their 2002-2003 season with a record of 16-10 and a sectional championship.

Not bad, or surprising, in fact, for a team which featured just one scorer averaging in double figures.

Additionally, the Trojans won seven consecutive games, including an overtime win against Andean.

"Winning the sectional at the Civic Center was awesome!" senior Andy Locke said.

The Trojans defeated Hammond Clark, Hammond Morton, and Hammond High to become the 3A sectional champions.

"It was probably the most fun I've had in any sport," junior Kevin Thomas said.

The season ended, however, the next week at the regional at Plymouth. The Trojans gave top-ranked Gary Roosevelt a fight for more than three quarters, before bowing out.

Fans will always remember the Trojans' five seniors: Joey Peres, Joel Schmal, Aaron Bugajski, Andy Locke, and Michele De Meo.

*Michele  
DeMeo*

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



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"After we lost the regional game against Roosevelt, we were all together, and I was thinking about what had happened the whole year, and what I did with all my b-ball friends. It was sad, but at the same time, moments I will never forget."

**Michele  
De Meo**



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"Becoming sectional champs and getting to cut down the nets in the Civic Center with my team and best friends will be what I will remember most. It was a great year."

**Joey  
Peres**



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"The most memorable moments were all of the team dinners and winning the Hammond Sectional. I also enjoyed picking on Coach Miller! He knows I own him."

**Aaron  
Bugajski**

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### HIGHLAND VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL 2002-03 RESULTS

Merrillville L 64-49  
Munster L 66-47  
Hammond High W 78-69  
Andean L 71-43  
Hammond Clark W 74-31

#### Holiday Tournament:

Kankakee Valley W 64-55  
Munster L 52-43  
Hobart W 59-55  
Hammond Clark W 46-40

Chesterton L 56-50  
Griffith L 63-43  
Lowell W 67-54

Hammond Nall W 51-48  
Hammond Morton W 73-57

Andean W 59-51  
Calumet W 66-40

#### LAC Tournament

Hammond High W 60-54  
Hammond Nall W 59-52

Munster L 56-43  
Lowell W 70-45

Lake Central L 71-43  
Portage L 58-50

#### Hammond Sectional

Hammond Clark W 56-29  
Hammond Morton W 42-38

Hammond High W 63-45

**Regional**  
Gary Roosevelt L 59-46

# SWIMMING

## 2002-2003 RESULTS HIGHLAND GIRLS' SWIMMING:

Chesterton	L
Valparaiso	L
Munster	L
Griffith	W
Clark	W
Lake Central	L
Calumet	W
Merrillville	W
Portage	W
Lafayette Jeff	W
Crown Point	L
Clark	W
Gavit	W
LaPorte	W
Highland Invite	5th
LAC Meet	2nd
Morton	W
Hobart	W
Michigan City	W
Sectional	2nd

## Reaching For the Stars

The Highland varsity girls' swim team started their season with a rough schedule against top-ranked teams Chesterton, Valparaiso, and Munster.

"It was tough getting defeated in our first couple of meets, but then we started to (do a lot better)," senior captain Sarah Jones said.

That was exactly what the Lady Trojans did as they completed the season losing only three more dual meets to finish the regular season and roll into sectionals.

Highland placed second in sectionals and advanced downstate Nicole Duran for diving, their medley relay team of Janna Fett, Elise Mihalik, Donna Smalls, and Jill Odom, who also qualified for the 100 backstroke.

Duran, a two-time state qualifier, placed 20th in the diving event.



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**QUICK EXCHANGE**  
Jen Lachowicz  
tags the wall as  
Cindy Cieslak  
dives over her.

**PERFECT DIVE**  
Lauren Perrone  
sticks the landing  
on her first dive.



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Kevin  
Popovich

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



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"I am proud of how our girls did this year. Football in the snow is the best!"

Jen  
Lachowicz



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"The divers had one of their best seasons ever! We all got along great, and we had a good time."

Lauren  
Perrone



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"The best part of the season was going to state and supporting the girls who made it down."

Rachel  
Strzelinski





#### QUICK LEAD

Sarah Jones beats her opponents into the water at the start of the race.



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#### Wow!

Junior Nicole Duran flips four times and ends with little splash.

#### 'FREESTYLIN'

Sophomore Elise Mihalik was a strong performer this season.



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#### Donna Smailis



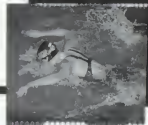
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#### Kara Georgeff



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#### Janna Fett



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#### Jayne Saulters



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#### Katelyn Rodgers

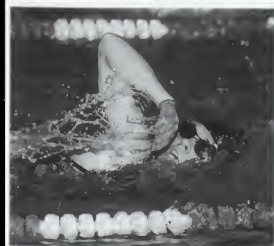


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#### Sara Matesevav



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#### Attack!

Jili Odom displays the form which made her an excellent swimmer.



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**HIGHLAND VARSITY GIRLS' SWIM TEAM:** Row 1: Kara Georgeff, Lauren Perrone, Katie Ellis, Am Gyure, Donna Smailis, Lara Bodnar. Row 2: Coach Terr Special, Coach Paula Special, Rachel Strzelinski, Sara Matesevav, Jilian Odom, Elise Mihalik, Cindy Cieslak, Erin Kenedy, Brianna O'keefe. Row 3: Janna Fett, Rahel Parker, Jamie Turkevich, Jen Lachowicz, Megan Dewier, Katelyn Rodgers, Sarah Jones, Jayne Saulters, Sarah Cichy, Natalie Walker.



girls' swimming

# S W I M M I N G

## 2003 RESULTS HIGHLAND BOYS' SWIMMING:

Griffith W  
Hammond Clark W  
Munster Invite 3rd  
Calumet W  
Merrillville W  
Portage W  
Lafayette W  
Crown Point L  
Lake Central W  
Hammond Clark W  
Highland Invite 5th  
LaPorte W  
Lowell W  
Valparaiso W  
Hammond Morton W  
Hobart W  
LAC Meet 2nd  
Chesterton L  
Munster L  
Sectional Prelims @  
Munster 2nd  
Sectional Finals 2nd

# Paying the Price

Swimming is not, and will never be, an easy sport. So, you're forewarned before deciding to go out for the team, thinking it might be something like that dip you took last summer in the family pool.

It takes a lot of physical and mental ability. If you think you can handle it, well, you better be able to. These boys aren't your ordinary Joes. They trained hard with not just one, but two practices each day, and that includes weekends.

All that work has paid off with several individuals advancing to the state meet, the goal of any swimmer.

"This year we had a strong team (almost half of which were seniors) and had an excellent season. We only lost three regular season meets and took second at sectionals, losing only to Munster," senior Dan Hejmej said.

The team also had several members go to state including: Nick Castillo, Nathan Pappas, David Peterson, Andy Crist, and Sean Fox.

Courtney  
Henderson



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### HEAD FIRST

Senior Dan Mihalik dives straight into the water without making a splash.

### SHARK ATTACK

Everyone out of the water. Save yourselves!



SHARLOW

# VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



SHARLOW

"This was my first year in swimming and I really enjoyed it. I was cut from the basketball team so I joined swimming and I ended up liking it a lot more."

Steve  
Smallis



"Swimming was the best thing to happen to me. Every good thing I remember came from swimming."

Nathan  
Pappas



SHARLOW

"This year was great. I had a fun time and enjoyed the experience. I was awarded the MVP so that really makes me happy."

David  
Peterson



**SPLASH!**  
Junior Billy Cole shows he isn't afraid of the water.

## HUSTLE

The Trojans would not have been as successful as they were without the efforts of Nick Castillo.



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## GUIDING THE WAY

Coach Casey encourages his team to do their best.

## GO TEAM GO!

The boys surround the pool at a meet to watch their fellow team members finish.



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**HIGHLAND BOYS' SWIM TEAM:** *Back Row:* Dan Mihalik, Keith Nelson, Dan Heyme, Sean Fox, David Peterson, Nathan Pappas, David Bustamante, Chris Castillo. *Second Row:* Assistant Coach Terry Specyal, Assistant Coach Paula Specyal, Billy Cole, Robert Fenoglio, Mark Augustyn, Jeff Linn, Andy Crist, Nick Castillo. *Front Row:* Steve Butts, Robby Haddad, Matt Jones, Zach Bujaki, Ryan Platt.

**Matt Jones**



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**Tri-meet**



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**Nathan Pappas**



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**Jeff Linn**



ROOT

**Sean Fox**



ROOT

**Ryan Platt**



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## Bring It On In Style!

Who keeps the crowd going at basketball games and entertains them at half-time? Give up? It's the Highland High School cheerleaders and Danz Team. These girls are very talented in what they do, which can be seen through the reaction of the audience.

The cheerleaders are faithful fans who cheer at every football game and varsity boys' and girls' basketball game. These girls rally all the team spirit together from the crowd. Some would say this keeps the team going.

The Danz Team is by far one of the most talented and creative groups. Every performance is full of energy and talent, requiring plenty of hard work and dedication.

— *Rachael Reed* —



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### LUCKY 8

The varsity squad shows off their group unity.

### BLUE N' GOLD

Senior Martiza Cordova is the leader of the pack.



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## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



"I have been on the Danz Team since I was a freshman. I have been the captain for the past two years, and I love to dance and make up routines. I can't imagine not being part of the Danz Team next year."

— *Maritza Cordova* —



"I've been a cheerleader all through high school and it was great to end my fourth year as captain. I was honored to have worked with such an awesome group of girls. I have so many great memories from the past years."

— *Sarah Warner* —



"The Danz Team was really close this year and we always had fun at competitions and practices. The team worked together well and we accomplished a lot through dedication. The team made my last year worthwhile."

— *Brooke Torrence* —





## SPRIT FINGERS

Senior Jenny Geary is full of anticipation to see the outcome of the free throw.



## FUN TIMES

Senior Sarah Warner and junior Amanda Moskalick show how fun cheerleading can be.

## CHAMPIONS

The Highland Danz team wins trophies at regionals and state.



## Danz Team



## Cheerleaders



## Homecoming Parade



## Danz Team



## Heather Lane & Dielana McCarroll



## Julie Reed



**HIGHLAND VARSITY DANZ TEAM:** Back Row (L to R): Jennifer DeWier, Maritza Cordova, Kristen Wilczynski, Ashley Fleishman, Brooke Torrence Middle Row (L to R): Heather Konyar, Lauren Ferguson, Heather Zahl, Breanne Mahala, Amy Nickula Front Row (L to R): Jennifer Dvorscak, Dana Wilkins, Natalie Litera, Michelle Echlin, Jessica Stacheltski



**HIGHLAND VARSITY CHEERLEADERS:** Back Row (L to R): Meghan Palm, Ashley Volbrecht, Coach Jody Stevens, Stacy Wilson, Sarah Warner Middle Row (L to R): Amanda Moskalick, Jenny Geary, Holly Vanderpool, Julie Reed Front Row (L to R): Krystle Krucek, Lindsey Frets



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**Shawn Gilge**



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**Steve Wagner**



ROOT

**Mike Roque**



ROOT

**Ryan Haynes**



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**Scott Houldieson**



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**Billy Farrenkopf**



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## HOLDING ON

Senior Greg Okamoto holds onto the win against Munster.



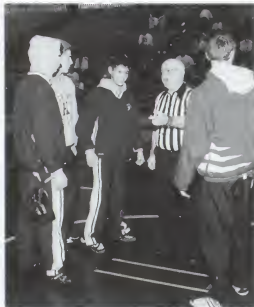
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## BEST DEFEAT

Junior Steve Wagner tries to defeat his opponent.

## COIN TOSS

Nando Martinez and teammates await the results of the coin toss.

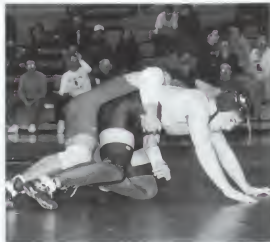


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**HIGHLAND WRESTLING TEAM:** ROW 1: (L to R) Coach Allison, Ricky Hanft, Steve Wagner, Steve Bush, Mitch Onda, Andy Zrnchik, Jon Barnes, Corey Anderson, Greg Okamoto, Matt Yuknis, Coach Bush. ROW 2: Coach Poynter, Nando Martinez, Nick Koonce, Nick Yuknis, Mike Roque, Scott Houldieson, Shawn Gilge, Chuck Puntillo, Chris Orban, Jake Sobota, Coach Lewis. ROW 3: Matt Sawyer, Matt Neidow, Shawn LaBorde, Ian Altieri, Justin Talkington, Brendan Magrady, Cory Tomczak, Mike McBride, Jason Veta. ROW 4: Kyle Jasin, Justin Hussey, Tommy Groen, Nike Textor, Andy Mansfield.



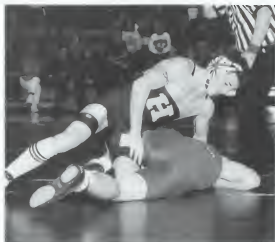
## STRUGGLE

Junior Ricky Hanft plans the move that will turn the match in his favor.

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**AGGRESSIVE**

Senior Chuck Puntillo is getting ready to go for the win.

**VICTORY**

Senior Chuck Puntillo holds on to victory for the Trojans.



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# Holding on to Victory

With one state champion and various other state qualifiers, who could ask for anything more?

Junior Nando Martinez had the kind of season most wrestlers dream about. Martinez, in fact, lived the dream becoming an individual state champion in his weight class. He also broke the school record with 47 wins.

The overall team record for the season was 12-12.

"I can't remember when I've had so much fun coaching wrestling," Coach Poynter said. "Our guys worked harder than people can imagine, and seeing guys achieve goals at the highest level means a lot to me as a coach. I'm proud to have the opportunity to represent such a great group of young men."

*Shelly  
Sertzynger*

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



"We had a good season. We worked really hard and it paid off for most of us. I know I will miss it."

Chuck  
Puntillo



"Wrestling at some points is the greatest thing to be a part of. Other times it's hard because things aren't going our way."

Ricky  
Hanft



"We had a good season, but we still need to do some work in the off season to get farther as a team next year."

Nando  
Martinez

### 2002-2003 RESULTS Highland Wrestling

Portage-L	45-18
LaPorte-L	34-33
Bellmont-L	47-25
Huntington North-W	54-21
SB Adams-W	37-29
Calumet-W	46-34
Griffith-L	43-27
Floyd Central-W	49-21
Lawrence North-L	51-17
Midway-L	51-22
Indpls. Catholic-L	36-31
FW Snider-L	33-30
Munster-W	45-27
SB Adams-W	51-19
Columbia City-L	38-18
Lake Central-W	54-20
Hammond North-W	69-6
Merrillville-L	44-30
Hammond High-W	75-4
Kankakee Valley-W	64-9
Lowell-W	51-24
Griffith-L	50-18
Munster-W	51-24
Merrillville-L	43-27



wrestling

# B O W L I N G

## Feel the Magic

Although still not recognized as an IHSAA-sanctioned sport, bowling is an activity many students take very seriously, particularly those on this year's team.

As for when bowling becomes sanctioned by the IHSAA, that still is undecided. Members of the team, nevertheless, did very well and had a fantastic season. They advanced all the way to the regional level, and they also had some "cool" shirts to wear at competitions.



Hockstra

### SCORE!

Greg Kraly and Aaron Smith look at previous scores before a match.

### SPARE!

Jonathan Speck knocks down two pins during a game.



Hockstra

*Christina Smart*

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



Hockstra



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"Bowling is a sport of high skill and high speeds."

"Bowling is fun."

"Bowling can teach many of life's lessons."

Aaron  
Smith

Jonathan  
Speck

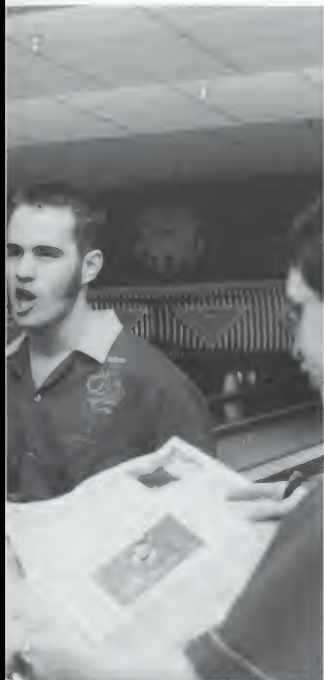
Patrick  
Maves

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## PAPER TRAINING

Greg Kraly and Aaron Smith read before a turn on the lanes.



Hockstra

## STRIKE!

Patrick Maves takes his turn at regionals.

## GUTTER BALL

Greg Kraly tries not to land in the gutter.



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## Aaron Smith



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## Greg Kraly



Hockstra

## Jonathan Speck



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## The Gregs



Hockstra

## Patrick Maves



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## Greg Kraly



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**HIGHLAND BOWLING TEAM:** Back Row: Coach Anderson, Patrick Maves, Gregory Kraly, Greg Koch. Front Row: Jonathan Speck, Aaron Smith.

## SCORE GAZING

Greg Kraly and Patrick Maves check out their scores.



bowling

#### GIVING HER ALL

Senior Jennifer Sknerski nears the finish after an exhausting 400-meter run.



#### FINISHING HARD

Sophomore Cindy Cieslak pushes for a personal best in the 1600-meter run.



#### CLOSE CALL

Junior Amanda Moskalick pulls ahead of the competition just in time.



#### RACE TIME

Junior Jennifer Lachowicz helps senior Sarah Jones pin on her race number.



**HIGHLAND VARSITY GIRL' TRACK:** LAC Indoor Conference: 2nd, Hammond Gavitt W, Hammond Noll W, Hammond Clark W, Hammond Noll W, Lowell L, Hammond Gavitt W, Kankakee Valley L, Calumet W, Munster L, Highland Invite: 4th, Calumet Invite: 3rd, LAC Outdoor Conference: 4th, Sectional: 3rd

# Talent & Pride



The Highland varsity girls' track team did a great deal with a rather small team in numbers. With less than 20 team members, the Lady Torjans managed to rack up point totals expected from much larger teams.

Dealing, too, with injuries, illness, or even vacation, many girls were asked to participate in events they had never competed, or even practiced, before. The team, led by coaches Tom Reynolds, Joe Tolliver, and Jennifer Govert, achieved plenty of regular and post-season success.

With many personal bests and achievements, including sending sophomore standout Jill Odom to state in the 1600-meter run, the girls had a lot to be proud of.

*Emma  
Rayson*

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS

"The past track season was a lot of fun. We had a small team, but they were all very talented. I know next year this will be one of the things that I will miss."

Sarah  
Jones



*Shirley*

"I made it through the entire season without falling!"

Meghan  
Palm



*Shirley*



### LEADER

Sophomore Jill Odom led the team in the distance events.

**HIGHLAND GIRLS' TRACK AND FIELD:** *Front Row:* Courtney McMahon, Denise Kullmer, Megan Quail, Bianca Calderon, Sarah Jones, Sarah Haynes, Jennifer Lachowicz. *Middle Row:* Lindsey Fritz, Jennifer Skowronski, Brianna Mahala, Meghan Palm, Elise Mihalik, Cindy Cieslak, Lisa Stupitz, Amanda Moskalick. *Third Row:* Coach Joe Tolliver, Wendy Jo Svetanoff, Jennifer Vuckovich, Donna Smalls, Jill Odom, Laura Daley, Morgan Criss, Maddy Murnan. *Coach:* Tom Reynolds, Coach Jennifer Govert.

*ROY*

*girls' track*

# Striving for Excellence

The track season began with a winning streak which continued meet after meet. They placed third at Lake Central but rose again and continued their streak against Calumet, Munster, and many other schools.

With the help of Sebastian Corsten, John Barr, Ryan Hall, Adam Zatorski, Matt Gauthier, and other team members, the team succeeded in almost everything they participated in. Meet after meet, led largely the Highland's depth in nearly every event, the team achieved the success they were striving for.

"The best thing about being on the track team was hearing the inspirational speeches the coach gave," Michael Chavez said. Incidentally, coach Carlos Aburto was voted Conference Coach of the Year after his team took top honors in both the indoor and outdoor LAC championships. Highland also placed second at the sectional meet, and, additionally, five athletes qualified for state. An impressive 37-4 outdoor record was also something to be very proud of.

Jon  
Munster

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



"It was great to get the relay done at state. I hope we can do it again next year."

Matt  
Gauthier



"My best memory of track this season was beating Munster in the 400 relay and in the 200 on their track."

Jon  
Sapyta



**LIMBER LIMBS**  
As junior Jason Douthett stretches before a race, he prepares his mind for the run.



**HIGHLAND BOYS' TRACK TEAM:** Front Row: Coach Tolliver, Greg Mann, Corey Anderson, Steve Meléndez, Chris Mann, Jake Sabata, Coach Olson, Coach Aburto. Second Row: Tim Lackhouse, Michael Moynihan, Chris Morgan, Adam Schechner, Nick Castillo, Andy Christ, Adam Zatorski, Richard Hayes, Michael DeBor. Third Row: Dan Crook, Jon Sapyta, Jason Douthett, Matt Gauthier, Ryan Hall, Josh Jalcynski, Jeff Fenchuk, Jose Hernandez, Greg Porras, Justin Talkington. Last Row: Ryan Hayes, Brandon Kitchell, Jon Biancardi, Dan Hagney, Dan Mihalski, John Fenchuk, John Barr, Sebastian Corsten, Nick Newland, Kevin Theobald.





#### IN POSITION

Senior Nick Castillo is in position to run his race.



#### PREPARATION

Junior Adam Schechner gets ready to run with the proper attire.

#### READY TO JUMP

Senior John Barr takes a leap towards victory for his team.



#### RUN THE RACE

Junior Adam Schechner and Senior Adam Zatorski run with style to the finish line.

**HIGHLAND BOYS' TRACK:** Hammond Noll W, East Chicago Central W, Lake Athletic Conference (Indoor) 1st, Lake Central L, Griffith W, Lake Station W, Kankakee Valley W, Hammond Clark W, Hammond Noll W, Lowell L, Hammond Gavitt W, Kankakee Valley W, Calumet W, Munster W, Highland Invite 1st, Lake Athletic Conference (outdoor) 1st, Calumet Invite 2nd, Lake Athletic Conference Meet (outdoor) 1st, Sectional 2nd, Regional 10th



BOYS' TRACK

# Counting with Success

This season the Highland High School girls' tennis team had a very successful season, and they did so because of speed, agility, and perseverance. They had not only speed, but the agility, and perseverance to achieve their goals.

"We improved a lot this season and came in third in conference," Katie Quinn said. "I am really looking forward to next year."

The girls had a strong drive to do well this season, and with the unity they formed this year, next year will sure be a great one, too. This year was a memorable season for all the seniors on the team. They were a big key in the success of the season.

Stephanie  
Reed

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



Shurlew

"Beating Andrean, something which hasn't been done since 1996. Afterward we celebrated. This season was great."

Ashley  
Volbrecht



Shurlew

"This year we improved so much, and our team really worked together. Everyone was positive, and we had a great season."

Jamie  
Conces



RIKOT

### TAKE THAT!

Sophomore Amy Kovacs returns a baseline volley.

### LET'S GO BLUE

The girls are announced before their big tennis match.



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Ashley Napliwoki



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Nicole McLeish



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Katie Quinn



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Amanda Zukorsky & Melissa Kristy



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Melissa Kristy



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Ashley Volbrecht



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Rachel Scheeringa



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### GOOD JOB!

Amanda Kristy congratulates her opponent after their match.



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### TEAM HUDDLE

The team was a close group which worked together and cheered for each other in matches.



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### POWER BALL

Senior Ashley Volbrecht serves the ball during her tennis match.

**VARSITY GIRLS' TENNIS:** Portage W, Chesterton L, Hobart W, Lake Central L, Crown Point L, Andean W, Hammond Gavit W, Valparaiso W, Griffith W, Whiting W, *Lake Athletic Tourney:* Wheeler W, Munster L, Andean W.

**STRATEGY**  
Coach Dan Richardson gives the team a pep talk.

**PLEASE GO IN**  
Sophomore Alex Robertson lines up a delicate down-hill putt.

**LOOK OUT!?**  
Junior Matt Colias launches a drive and watches it go, hopefully not in the trees or heavy rough.



**PRACTICE**  
Junior Garret Jacobs works on his putting game.

**HIGHLAND VARSITY GOLF:** Griffith W, Lake Station W, Kankakee Valley L, Calumet W, Portage L, Valparaiso L, Andean L, Wheeler L, Hammond Clark W, Munster W, Lowell W. *Rensselaer Invite:* 14th. *Uebele Invite:* 15th. *Sectional:* 3rd (qualified for Regional competition).



# Seizing the Moment



ROKIT



ROKIT

## SWEET SWING

Telly Panousis was one of team's top golfers most of the season.

## PRECISION

Sophomore Chris Wantroba checks the break before putting.

Golf is undoubtedly one of the most difficult sports. Every golfer has felt tremendous anxiety and stress when attempting to sink a critical putt to save par. It's just a part of the game. Every shot represents a new challenge. But through plenty of practice and just plain luck, the game becomes perhaps little more manageable.

The Highland varsity golf team faced those challenges early in the year, but, by the end, the Trojans were an improved team. In fact, after some slightly disappointing early showings, Highland placed third at the sectional to advance as a team to the regional.

Led by such players as Telly Panousis, Chris Wantroba, Kyle Hooegeveen, and Charlie Stapke, the Trojans "seized the moment" to reach their goals.

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS

### TAKING AIM

Senior Kyle Hooegeveen sizes up his next shot to the pin.



ROKIT

### IT'S IN THE HOLE!!!

On the practice green, sophomore Mike Hulen makes all of his putts.



ROKIT



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#### WORDS OF WISDOM

Coach Banas teaches pitcher Stephanie Zimmy a little something on the mound.



#### COACH KNOWS BEST

Coach Carlson stands by the sidelines helping the girls along.



#### ONE FOR THE TEAM

Senior Tara Traczyk takes a big lead off for the team.



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#### PLAYING HARD

Starter Kathy Renfrow works hard to become a team starter.



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**HIGHLAND VARSITY SOFTBALL:** Hammond Morton W 7-5, Hobart W 1-0, Hammond Noll W 1-0, Portage L 2-1, Griffith L 2-1, Hammond High W 7-1, Lake Station W 16-4, Whiting W 6-2, Calumet W 5-0, Lafayette Jeff L 7-5, Lafayette Harrison W 1-0, Boone Grove W 8-1, Kankakee Valley W 6-0, Hammond Morton W 9-1. **Highland Invite:** Hammond Noll W, Hammond Gavit W, Mishawaka Marion W, Griffith W, Lafayette Harrison W 3-2, Lake Station W 13-3, Lake Central L 10-0, Andean L 3-2, Hammond Clark W 12-0, Lowell L 3-1, Hammond Gavit W 7-6, Chesterton L 7-0. **Concord Tourney:** W 1-0, Munster W 2-0. **SECTIONAL:** Hammond High L 4-3.

# Through Thick and Thin



ROOF



**HIGHLAND VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM:** BACK ROW: Coach Mr. Scott Carlson, Lisa Biernacki, Tara Traczyk, Ashlee Alumbaugh, Natalie Fritz, Kathleen Renfrow and Coach Ms. Jen Banas. MIDDLE ROW: Heather Serwacki, Stephanie Zimny, Tina Traczyk, Carly Malecki, Amber Barnes and Anne Kvarita. FRONT ROW: Lindsey Gotch, Marisa Pepelea, Marina Aburto, Sarah Barney, Michelle Exlin, and Marlesa Puente.

ROOF

**Let's Go!**  
Senior Ashley Alumbaugh is known to be one of the team's main confidence boosters.

Springtime does not only mean warmer weather, chirping birds, and rain, but it also marked the beginning of many outdoor sport seasons. There was track, golf, baseball, and perhaps the best of them all, softball! After all the early morning conditioning practices and long tryouts, it was time to play ball!

Leading the team through the season were coaches Ms. Jen Banas and Mr. Scott Carlson. The Lady Trojans started their season off with a mixture of wins and losses. But, no matter what the score is at the end of the game, the Highland High School girls' softball team never lost their spirit or drive.

"We had a lot of fun this year!" junior Anne Kvarita said. "We had lots of talent. I was just a little disappointed that we did not get to show it in the sectionals. I will miss everyone."

It was not only the upperclassmen running out onto the field first, freshman Amber Barnes and sophomore Kathy Renfrow were also vital parts of the team's starting lineup. With an awesome lineup like this, these girls had quite a season.

Ashley  
Mayer

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS

"I was a little intimidated at first, but I stepped it up and pulled through. Thanks to the whole team for making my freshman year fun!"

Amber

Barnes



SHAWN

"Our team came together well as one. We had fun going to DC's, especially with Arizona. I'm going to miss all the seniors. Thanks to the freshmen for making it fun for me."

Lisa  
Biernacki



SHAWN

softball

# A Diamond Team

The fans in the stands and the atmosphere that comes with baseball were part of the great season as well as this year's spectacular team. Having lost many seniors on the club, this year's "diamond" team stepped up to the plate and were committed to taking on the challenges. The games and practices were always fun, and with all of the running during practice, Kevin Thomas and Brett Bach claim they might as well have been in track. Nevertheless, the substantial amount of practicing paid off. Even though sometimes the team found things overwhelming and frustrating, they looked forward to it every day. Their positive attitudes propelled the team to 24-7 record, and Highland was recognized as one of finest ballclubs in the area.

Ruth & Beth  
Shinnick

## VISUAL IMPRESSIONS



Shurlock

"The last four years have gone by so fast. This year has been really great because everybody on this year's team is good friends, and I'm going to miss them all."

Joel  
Schmal



Shurlock

"This year has been terrific. We've had a lot of different players step up in clutch moments this season. We have many great athletes here and many more to come."

Erik  
Chappell



B. Shinnick

### SCHMAL BALL

Joel Schmal pitches in one of his final home games for the Trojans.



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HIGHLAND VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM: Chris Nelson, Joel Schmal, Kevin Thomas, Brandon Fieldhouse, Sean Adam, Chris Johansen, Billy Farenkopf, Coach Bogner, Coach Miller, Billy Metzen, Kris Boyd, Brett Bach, Aaron Bugajski, Erik Chappell, Matt Winston, Matt Lambert.

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Erik Chappell

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Billy Metzen

ROOT



Trojan Dugout

ROOT



First Base

ROOT



Joel Schmal & Brett Bach

ROOT



High 5!

ROOT



Team huddle

ROOT



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### You're Out!

Junior Kris Boyd makes a nice play, securing an out for the Trojans.



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### Let's Go Blue!

Matt Winston runs down the line after a base hit.

### Bunt, Bugs!

Aaron Bugajski prepares to lay down a bunt.



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### THINK FAST

Brandon Fieldhouse whizzes the ball toward home plate.

**HIGHLAND VARSITY BASEBALL:** Lake Central W 8-6, Griffith W 8-2, Gary Roosevelt W 22-0, Crown Point L 19-1, Griffith W 8-5, Hammond High W 28-2, Wheeler W 6-0, Whiting W 10-0, Calumet W 11-0, Lake Station W 14-0, *Munster Classics:* Merrillville W 3-4, Munster L 11-4, Kankakee Valley W 6-0, E.C. Central W 5-0, Hammond Morton W 9-2, Andean L 4-2, Hammond Clark W 8-7, Lowell W 2-1, Hammond Gavitt W 8-2, Merrillville W 8-5, Munster L 6-4, Hammond Noll W 3-1, *Lake Athletic Tournament:* Lake Station W 6-4, Hammond Noll L 2-1, Munster W 7-6, Hammond Clark W 4-2, Valparaiso W 4-1, Portage L 3-2, Michigan City W 9-8, *Hammond Sectionals:* Hammond High W 16-0, Hammond Clark L 2-1.



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# HIGHLAND

## JV/FRESHMEN ATHLETICS

LAYOUT AND DESIGN BY  
KEVIN POPOVICH



**HIGHLAND JV CHEERLEADERS:** BACK ROW: Renae Kondrat, Jacqueline Molina, Samantha Bogusz. FRONT ROW: Delana McCarroll, Megan Hasler, Heather Lane.



**HIGHLAND FRESHMEN CHEERLEADERS:** BACK ROW: Jenise Flores, Erin Ally, Tiffani Stout. FRONT ROW: Cassie Lewandowski, Carrissa Ashby, Anessa Gordon.



**HIGHLAND JV BOYS' BASKETBALL:** BACK ROW: Ryan Hayes, Derek Moser, Kevin Thomas, Ryan Drake, Andrew Helmer, Matt Gauthier. MIDDLE ROW: Kevin Pete, Jon Biancardi, Coach Ron McFarland, Josh Figueroa, Mike Hulén. FRONT ROW: Aaron McFarland, Manager.



**HIGHLAND FRESHMEN BOYS' BASKETBALL:** BACK ROW: Danny Litera, Jimmy Dempsey, Greg Wiesemann, Bryan Gentry, Andrew Wozniowski, Mladen Stjelja, J.D. Fabian, Kyle Ruebel, Mike Calarie, Coach Tom Reynolds. MIDDLE ROW: Jon Velasco, Ryan Massey, Bobby Weishar, Mike McFarland, Tim Usher, Brandon Veronesi, Marko Petkovich, Derek Marich. FRONT ROW: Adam Hutzenga, Tim Ferry, Steve Zaborowski.



**HIGHLAND JV GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL:** BACK ROW: Coach Breitweiser, Janna Fett, Andrea Cloe, Tina Traczyk, Kathy Renfrow, Coach Rossa. MIDDLE ROW: Amanda Zahorsky, Nicole Markley, Sarah Haynes, Emily Cieslak. FRONT ROW: Jen Miller, Katie Craig, Katie Quinn.



**HIGHLAND JV GIRLS' BASKETBALL:** BACK ROW: Jenny Vuckovich, Coach April Stirling, Lisa Stiglitz. MIDDLE ROW: Katie Kane, Tina Traczyk, Mila Milovac, Babe Simkus, Gina Rayson. FRONT ROW: Emily Cieslak, Jessica McFarlane, Geneva Garcia.



**HIGHLAND FRESHMEN GIRLS' BASKETBALL:** BACK ROW: Ashlee Berkos, Mileka McKinney, Maja Bosnjak, Nikki LeRose, Amber Barnes. MIDDLE ROW: Christina Barrios, Caitlin Gieryski, Ashley Garcia, Sarah Heintzman, Megan Quail. FRONT ROW: Coach Phrosini Samis.



**HIGHLAND FRESHMEN GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL:** BACK ROW: Coach Breitweiser, Katie Hoekstra, Jenni LeBlanc, Amber Barnes, Coach Rossa. MIDDLE ROW: Ashley Garcia, Melissa Kristy, Christina Barrios, Sarah Heintzman, Brittany Horvath, Ashlee Berkos. FRONT ROW: Sarah LaRoche, Mia Lopez.



**HIGHLAND JV BOYS' SOCCER:** BACK ROW: Coach Anderson, Chris Ellis, Bryan Carr, Derek Marich, Brian Jelski. MIDDLE ROW: Bryan Robison, Ben Hays, Matt Gutierrez, Eric Cashen, Steve Smailis, Brent Semanick. FRONT ROW: Alex Safin, Blake Savage, Sam Porter, Mark Plesha, Jason Wesolek. Not Pictured: Tim Cheek



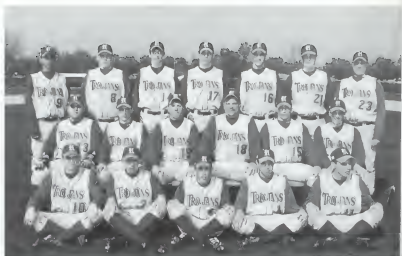
**QUICK THINKING**  
Donna Smailis uses her head in a JV soccer game.

**FLYING HIGH**  
Sarah Bugajski finishes up the JV race at the Highland Invite.





**HIGHLAND FRESHMEN BASEBALL TEAM:** *Back Row:* Matt Neidow, Kyle Ruebel, Derek Moser, Andrew Helmer, Brian Gentry, J.D. Fabian, Jimmy Dempsey, Andrew Drake. *Middle Row:* Steve Zaborowski, Jon Biancardi, Coach Havens, Coach Bachinski, Paul Musielak, Bobby Weishar. *Front Row:* Zack Kikalos, Mike McFarland, Justin Kaczmarecki, Nick Johnson, Tim Ferry.



**HIGHLAND JV BASEBALL TEAM:** *Back Row:* Josh Figueroa, Mitch Onda, Kevin Kulchar, Paul Sink, Greg Kraly, David Groen, Alex Matusic. *Middle Row:* Marty Garza, Jake Berber, Coach Mogdeski, Coach Plesha, Jake Cole, Steve Smailis. *Front Row:* Josh Moes, Aaron Ross, Jon Velasco, Sam Porter, Tim Usher.

# HIGHLAND

**JV/FRESHMEN  
ATHLETICS**



## TEAM MEETING

The JV girls sit and talk before a game.



## A BATTLE

Controlling the ball and playing defense are crucial in soccer.



**HIGHLAND JV SOFTBALL:** *Back Row:* Coach Horvath, Katie Ellis, Sarah Woodbury, Julie Brackett, Nicole Markley, Ashlee Berkos, Coach Rivera. *Middle Row:* Amy Gyure, Nicole Strazabosco, Julie Nelson, Brittany Horvath, Stephanie Vandiver, Kristina Kornacki. *Front Row:* Iriana Herrera, Megan Serwacki, Bridget Marczewski, Mallory Greene, Christina Barrios, Amanda Baranowski.



## RUNNING

Andrew Wojcik finishes up the last lap of the mile.





#### STYLE

It's important to have good technique when hitting an overhand smash.

#### KICKING

Keeping the ball away from your opponents and making crisp passes will lead to victory.



**JV/FRESHMEN**

**SPORTS 2002-03**



*Freshman/jv athletes*



Eric Antczak & Renae Kondrat



Study Hall



Megan DeWier & Jeanette Brass



Laura Zemen



Garret Jacobs



Valerie Haenny, Brian Bodamer, Nathaniel Techentin, Danielle Bennett, & Katelyn Rodgers



Keith Anderko



Snowflake



Caitlin Gierynski & Jenny LeBlanc



Michele Milleusnich

# IMAGES

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*The camera's shutter has snapped, and the individual's image has been recorded on film. These are the pictures we will look up when we remember a moment in time, but time has dimmed our memories. The hair style, the expressive eyes, and the funny smile will bring a nod of remembrance and a face to the people in our thoughts. We will all be remembered because our images are locked in time.*



Seniors



Jackie Klein



Alex Ross & Chris Johansen



Starla Morris



Ashley Dillard



*Change,  
progress  
highlight  
school year*

The 2002-03 school year was marked by numerous personnel changes, particularly to the Highland Board of School Trustees which welcomed four new members.

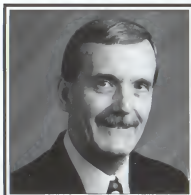
Two of the initiatives of the Board was to establish a task force to address issues of "bullying" and "sexual harassment." Another directive of the

Board called for students receiving honors diplomas to be awarded state-sponsored money that was previously put back in the school system.

At the high school, Mrs. Linda Jonaitis completed her first year as principal.

It was indeed a year of many changes and progress.

# Administration



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*Asst. Superintendent*



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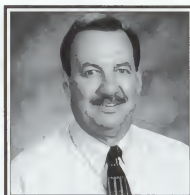
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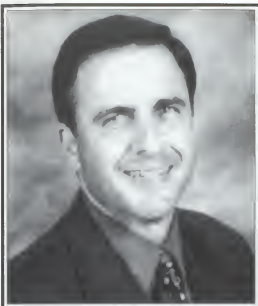


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*Athletic Director*



**Mr. Rick Flutka**  
*Asst. Athletic Director*





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**Mrs. Sherry Nowak**  
*Secretary*

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**2002-2003**



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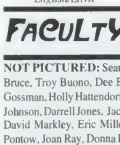
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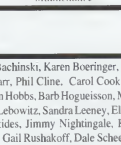
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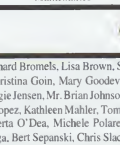
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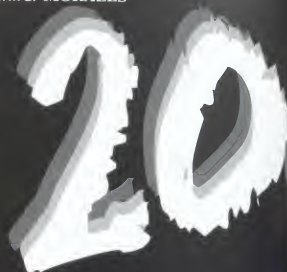


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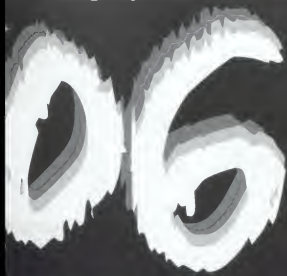
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COMER



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COX



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**Benjamin  
HAYS**



**Kevin  
HEATON**



**Amanda  
HEERINGA**

## Most Memorable Moments

"Eating at BW3's after Homecoming."

**Maureen  
VALLE**

"Performing first dance on dance team."

**Heather  
KONYER**

"Almost falling down the stairs."

**Lisa  
MEADOWS**

"Holding hands with Billy Farrenkopf."

**Ryan  
DRAKE**



**Sarah  
HEINTZMAN**



**Andrew  
HELMER**



**Iriana  
HERRERA**



**Christian  
HERSHMAN**



**Ronald  
HOBBS**



**Katie  
HOEKSTRA**



**Amanda  
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**Kevin  
HOWARD**



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**Edward  
IBARRA**



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**Holly  
JONES**



**Matthew  
JONES**



**Justin  
KACZMAREK**



**Benjamin  
KALINOWSKI**



**Kathryn  
KANE**



**Zachary  
KIKALOS**



**Brandon  
KITTELL**



**Jacqueline  
KLAPAK**



**James  
KLOBUCAR**



**Timothy  
KOLBERT**



**Jessica  
KOLLWITZ**



**Scott  
KOLLWITZ**



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KONYAR**



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**Melissa  
KRISTY**



**Traci  
KUIPER**



**Katherine  
KUS**



**Kevin  
LANCASTER**



**Eric  
LANDON**



## Traci KUIPER

**Age:** 15

**Likes:** Chocolate, youth group, monkey tag, the boy in *A Walk to Remember*, flowers

**Dislikes:** cussing, rude and egotistical people

**Activities:** choir, drama, youth group



**Sarah  
LAROCHE**



**David  
LEPUCKI**



**Cassie  
LEWANDOWSKI**

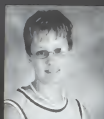


*Freshmen*





Jennifer  
LEBLANC



Nicole  
LEROSE



Eric Landon



Kimberly  
LINDSEY



Daniel  
LITERA



Brack and Brooks

# FIRE!



Mia  
LOPEZ



Rachel  
LUBARSKI



Ryan Torrenga



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George Arroyo



Snowflake Girls



Carly  
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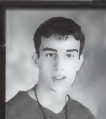
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MANUS



Bridget  
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# SENIORS



Hayes & Rothchild



Derek  
MOSER



Michael  
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Malcolm  
MUNROE



Madelyn  
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PRENDERGAST





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RODDA**



**Gino  
RODRIGUEZ**



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ROTHCHILD**



**Kyle  
RUEBEL**



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**Richard  
SABO**



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SAFIN**



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SAVAGE**



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SAWYER**



**Elizabeth  
SCHMAL**



**Kurt  
SCHUZER**



**Katie  
SCHWADER**



**Eric  
SELJAN**



**Brent  
SEMANICK**



**Megan  
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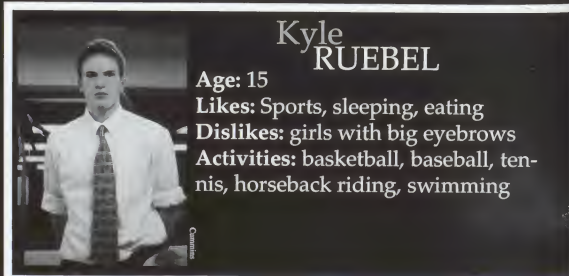
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STOMBAUGH**



**Tiffani  
STOUT**



**Nicole  
STRAZZABOSCO**



## Kyle RUEBEL

**Age:** 15

**Likes:** Sports, sleeping, eating

**Dislikes:** girls with big eyebrows

**Activities:** basketball, baseball, tennis, horseback riding, swimming

Christian



Jonathan  
SUMMERLOTT



Jennifer  
SWIENCONCK



Robert  
SZYMBORSKI



Kyle  
TECHENTIN



Jade  
TESSMAN



Nike  
TEXTOR



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THOMPSON



Corydon  
TOMCZAK



Ryan  
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Tina  
TRACZYK



Kayla  
TRAVIS



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TUEL



Kelly  
TURKEVICH



Dragan  
TZANETAKOS



Timothy  
USHER



Maureen  
VALLE



Benjamin  
VANSICKLE



Jonathan  
VELASCO



Brandon  
VERONESI



Ross  
VERTA



Illona  
VESELOVA

# By The # 's

284 members of the 2006 class  
119 girls in the Freshman Class  
165 guys in the Freshman Class  
13 girls have the middle name Lynn  
12 guys have the first name Michael



Jennifer  
VUCKOVICH



Robert  
WEISHAR



Anna  
WEISS



Jason  
WESOLEK



Natalie  
WHITE



Ashley  
WHITMORE



Gregory  
WIESEEMANN



Andrew  
WOZNIEWSKI



Michael  
WRIGHT



Steven  
ZABOROWSKI



Amanda  
ZAHORSKY





**Brandon  
ALONZO**



**Lynette  
AMICK**



**Steph and Chris**



**Mark  
AUGUSTYN**



**Christopher  
BAILEY**



**Angela  
BAKER**



**Amanda  
BENKO**



**Jacob  
BERBER**



**Michael  
BEWLEY**



**Mallory Greene**



**Jennifer Dewier**



**Kimberly Urbanek**



**Tawny  
BLOOMER**



**Samantha  
BOGUSZ**



**Jennifer  
BORG**



**Julie  
BRACKETT**



**Joshua  
BRADLEY**



**Stephanie  
BRASS**



**Sandra  
BREMER**



**Sarah  
BUGAJSKI**



**Amanda  
BULOW**



**Stephen  
BUSH**



**Scott  
CANNER**



**Kristen  
CARRIER**



**Eric  
CASHEN**



**Mike  
CHAVEZ**



**Allen  
CHOATE**



**Cindy  
CIESLAK**



**Emily  
CIESLAK**



**Andrea  
CLOE**



**Ashley  
CLOUSING**



**Jacob  
COLE**

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Jill Odom



Kristin Wilczynski



Dan Grish



Sam and Matt



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CONLEE



Jordan  
COX



Kaitlin  
CRAIG



Andy  
CRIST



Daniel  
CROOK



Lauran  
DETTLERLINE



Jennifer  
DEWIER



Natalie  
DMITROVICH



Kevin  
EGAN



Christopher  
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Robert  
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Nicholas  
FERGUSON



Janna  
FETT



Keith  
FORSYTHE



Jaclyn  
FOY



Leonard  
FRIEND



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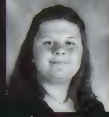
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GREENE



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GRESSER



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GROEN



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GUSAK



Matt  
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HAUER



Ryan  
HAYES



Brian  
HAYNES



Sarah  
HAYNES



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KEMP



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KERSTELL



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KILLMER



Nicholas  
KOONCE



Amy  
KOVACS



Gregory  
KRALY

"Once you hit rock bottom, there's  
nowhere to go but up."

Stephanie  
OPOLSKI

"You never know what you can  
achieve until you try."

Sarah  
HAYNES

"I live for the nights I can't remember  
with the people I'll never forget."

Alex  
NOVAK

"If we're all going to die anyway,  
shouldn't we enjoy ourselves now?"

Kelly  
MCAVOY

"You only live once, so don't let any-  
one stop you from having fun."

Erica  
MASSEY

"Carpe Diem."

Michele  
MILEUSNICH



Kevin  
KULCHAR



Thomas  
KUNZ



Shawn  
LABORDE



Timothy  
LACKHOUSE



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LADWIG



Heather  
LANE



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LELITO



Katherine  
LIKANDER



Margaret  
LISTON



James  
LOWRY



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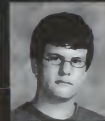
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Age: 16

Likes: Lilo and Stitch.

Dislikes: Spiders and geometry

Activities: Advanced girls' choir  
and tennis



Kenneth  
MCDILLION



Jessica  
MCFARLANE



Sarah  
MCKINZIE



Justin  
MELCAREK



Zachary  
MESSMER



Philip  
MEYER



## Danielle Shelton

Age: 16

Likes: Movies, food/ice cream, summer time, thunderstorms and tattoos

Dislikes: Cold, snowy weather, geometry, and stupid people

Activities: Soccer



Elise  
MIHALIK





**Michele  
MILEUSNICH**



**Jennifer  
MILLER**



**Ashley Gaffigan & Heather Lane**



**Keith  
MILLS**



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MILOVAC**



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MITCHELL**



**Josh  
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NOBLE**



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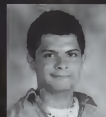
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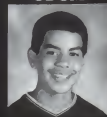
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PATTON**



**Anthony  
PEREZ**



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**Dean  
PINKHAM**



**Homecoming**



**Steve Shotts**



**Fun with friends**

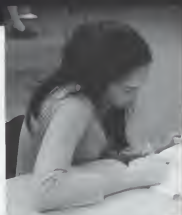


**Ashley Snowdon & Steph Hernandez**

# SOPHO



# MAIORES



Michele Mileusnich



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Richa Sharma



Steph Vandiver



Vanja  
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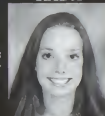
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RADA



Gina  
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Justin  
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Corinne  
RIOS



Matt  
RIVERA



Alex  
ROBERTSON



Mario  
RODRIGUEZ



Aaron  
ROSS



Erica  
ROZENICH



Joshua  
SCHAFFER



Rachel  
SCHEERINGA



Jeremy  
SCHMIDT



Theresa  
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Daniel  
SCHULTZ



Heather  
SERWACKI



Richa  
SHARMA



Jaimie  
SHEPARDSON



Jay  
SHERBY



Elizabeth  
SHIMEK



Steven  
SHOTTS



Richard  
SILAJ



Cherron  
SIMES





Jennifer  
**SINCLAIR**



Paul  
**SINK**



Cassi  
**SISKA**



Steven  
**SMAILS**



Brian  
**SMITH**



Jennifer  
**SMITH**



Nicole  
**SNODGRASS**



Ashley  
**SNOWDON**



Nesreen  
**SOBOH**



Shereen  
**SOBOH**



Jamie  
**SPENCER**



Michael  
**STASI**



Raymond  
**STOLL**



Michelle  
**STOOKSBURY**



Nathaniel  
**SZOT**



Alexandra  
**SZYMANSKI**



Justin  
**TALKINGTON**



Stephanie  
**THOMPSON**



Katrina  
**TODORCEVIC**



Lauren  
**TOTH**



Jeffrey  
**TUCKER**



Lindsay  
**TURNER**



Nathaniel Szot



Danielle Shelton



Cassi Siska



Mallory  
**WANICKI**

**Age:** 16

**Likes:** Going to the mall, hanging out with friends, and talking on the phone

**Dislikes:** People not knowing how to walk

**Activities:**



Rob  
**FENOGLIO**

**Age:** 16

**Likes:** Going to the movies, dancing, hanging out and watching L&O

**Dislikes:** Flaky people and people who don't listen

**Activities:** Diving



Kimberly  
URBANEK



Stephanie  
VANDIVER



Breanne  
VASSAR



Jason  
VERTA



Brittany  
VESCI



Emily  
VUCKOVICH



Mallory  
WANICKI



Christopher  
WANTROBA



Matthew  
WARNER



Jessica  
WEAVER



Patricia  
WHITENER



Kristin  
WILCZYNSKI



Jacqueline  
WILSON



Robyn  
WOLAK



Sarah  
WOODBURY



Nicholas  
YUKNIS



Derek  
ZABINSKI



Stephen  
ZACNY



Ashley  
ZUKAUSKAS

# By The Numbers

254 members of the 2005 class

128 girls in the Sophomore Class

126 guys in the Sophomore Class

17 sophomores have the middle name Marie

12 have green eyes

11 with the first name Michael



Lenny Friend



Sophomore  
Cheerleaders



Cassi and Nikki



sophomores



Mike  
ABSHER



Marina  
ABURTO



Sean  
ADAM



Corey  
ANDERSON



Tracy  
ANDERSON



Jonathan  
ARREDONDO



Jelena  
BALAC



Timothy  
BARANY



Lisa  
BARLOG



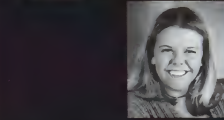
Rachael  
BARRIX



Meghan  
BODIE



Natasha  
BOILEK



Rachel  
BROWN



Danielle  
BENNETT



Lindsey  
BORG



Thomas  
BRUNER



Colleen  
BENSON



Matthew  
BOROUGHS



Alexandra  
BUJAKI



Lisa  
BIERNACKI



Kristopher  
BOYD



Jade  
BURLEY



Brian  
BODAMER



Jeanette  
BRASS



Lincoln  
BUTLER



Andrew  
BODIE



Nicole  
BRESLIN



Michael  
CANCEL



Anne Kvarta & Georgia Cavvouras



Clifford Evans



Robert Carney



Bryan Mejia



Allison Wolak, Gary Simkus & Megan Gullickson

# 20

By: Ashley MAYER, Ruth SHIMEK  
& Beth SHIMEK



# 04



Marina Aburto & Brad Hoekstra



Jessica DeBoer & Steven Wesolek



Ricky Hanft



Dan Vaughan



Dan Plonczynski



Robert  
CARNEY



Bryan  
CARR



Georgia  
CAVVOURAS



Erik  
CHAPPELL



Dustin  
CHILDERS



DeAnna  
CHRIST



Francis  
CIZON



William  
COLE



Matthew  
COLIAS



Christopher  
CONCES



Jaime  
CONCES



Allison  
COOPER



Mariadna  
CORDOBA



Sabastian  
CORSTEN



Pedro  
CORTEZ



Mark  
CRIST



Jonathan  
CULP



Jessica  
DAHLKAMP



Jessica  
DEBOER



Samuel  
DEIDGHA



Jordan  
DELRIO



Julie  
DEMUTH



Amanda  
DEVINE



Ashley  
DILLARD



Jason  
DOUTHETT



Harmony  
DUROCHER



Jennifer  
DVORSCAK



Elie  
ELIAS





**Clifford  
EVANS**



**Stephen  
FAUGHT**



**John  
FENCHAK**



**Joshua  
FLEISHMAN**



**Elyxzius  
FRANKLEY**



**John  
FRISBY**



**Natalie  
FRITZ**



**Marc  
FULLER**



**Meredith  
FURNAS**



**Geneva  
GARCIA**



**Nathan  
GARDNER**



**Bobbie  
GONZALEZ**



**Megan  
GULLICKSON**



**Matthew  
GUTIERREZ**



**Lisa  
GYURE**



**Valerie  
HAENNY**



**Ryan  
HALL**



**Peter  
HAMANG**



**Richard  
HANFT**



**Morgan  
HANKINS**



**Ellie  
HANSOTTE**



**Carrissa  
HARTMAN**



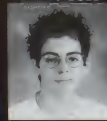
**Megan  
HEAD**



**Pamela  
HEDRICK**



**Jose  
HERNANDEZ**



**Roy  
HOBBS**



**Bradley  
HOEKSTRA**



**Jaimie  
HOWARD**

"Junior year was a lot of fun, but I can't wait to be a senior."

Jessica  
**STEWART**

"This year was great. I made some amazing friends and made memories that I will never forget!"

Ashley  
**DILLARD**

"It's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog."

Brett  
**BACH**

"This was a great year, I met new people & learned things I'll never forget."

Jenna  
**LEYBA**

"Junior year was awesome!"

Chirag  
**MAKWANA**

"This was a great year. It was a lot of fun getting to be with my hot girlfriend Laurel all day."

Jake  
**MARGRAF**



Angela  
HURTT



Amanda  
HUTSLER



Ahmed  
ISSA



Miranda  
JAMES



Jake  
JUNG



Ryan  
KAUSAL



Michael  
KELLEY



Erin  
KENNEDY



Dean  
KESSLER



Renae  
KONDRAT



John  
KOONCE



Laurel  
KORBEL



Alison  
KOSTELICH



Amanda  
KRISTY



Krystle  
KRUCEK



Melinda  
KUIPER



Anne  
KVARTA



Jennifer  
LACHOWIEC



Matthew  
LAMBERT



Rebekah  
LANGEL



Christina  
LANNIN



Jody  
SHIMANEK

Age: 17

Likes: Shopping, playing basket-  
ball, and hanging out with friends

Dislikes: Homework, broccoli, and  
rude people

Activities: Basketball, Spanish Club,  
Volleyball



Jacob  
LATHAM



Edward  
LEAL



Amber  
LEMON



Katrina  
LEWIS



Samantha  
LEWIS



Jenna  
LEYBA



Adam  
HAUGHEE

Age: 17

Likes: Hustling in pool

Dislikes: Spanish class

Activities: Hockey and golf



Jennifer  
LIKANDER







**Jeffrey  
LINN**



**Jessica  
LIVINGSTON**



**Valerie Skaggs**



**Stefanie  
LOPEZ**



**Sarah  
LOUNGES**



**Ian  
LUKETICH**



**Chirag  
MAKWANA**



**Carly  
MALECKI**



**Jacob  
MARGRAF**



**Erica Will**



**Elise  
MARTINELLI**



**Eric  
MARTINEZ**



**Fernando  
MARTINEZ**



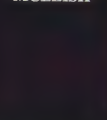
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MCLEISH**



**Courtney  
MCMAHON**



**Bernadette  
MEDINA**



**Michael  
MICHELIN**



**Georgeann  
MICHELS**



**Aaron  
MILLER**



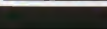
**Thomas  
MIS**



**Veronica  
MONETELEBONE**



**Sean  
MORTIMER**



**Ashley Ritz**



**English class**





# JOBS



Colleen Benson &  
Allison Staroskak



Matt Gutierrez



Alison Kostelich



Andrea Lepucki



Joe Casner & Gabe Rodriguez



Amanda  
MOSKALICK



Grace  
MURPHY



Christopher  
NELSON



Jennifer  
NELSON



Alexzandra  
NICHOLSON



Amy  
NIECKULA



Jessica  
NOWAK



Adam  
NYIRI



Brianna  
O'KEEFE



Timothy  
PALKA



Meghan  
PALM



Michael  
PANTALEO



Kathleen  
PENA



Marisa  
PEPELEA



Erika  
PEREZ



Matthew  
PRATHER



Thomas  
POZYWIO



Patrick  
QUAIL



Ann  
REIMER



Nicholas  
RENTSCHLER



Sophia  
RIVERA



Katelyn  
RODGERS



Gabriel  
RODRIGUEZ



Sophia  
RODRIGUEZ



Benjamin  
ROSS



Mark  
RUSHAKOFF



Jacob  
SACZAWA



Shelly  
SANTANA





Jonathan  
SAPYTA



Jayme  
SAULTERS



Adam  
SCHECHNER



Scott  
SCHEERINGA



Charles  
SCHWADER



Andrew  
SHANTZ



Jody  
SHIMANEK



Ruth  
SHIMEK



Jessica  
SHIVE



Gary  
SIMKUS



Valerie  
SKAGGS



John  
SPEAKMAN



Charles  
STAPKE



Allison  
STAROSCAK



Patrick  
STEELE



Phillip  
STENGER



Jessica  
STEWART



Lisa  
STIGLITZ



Robert  
STRONG



Rachel  
STRZELINSKI



Jeremy  
STUBBS



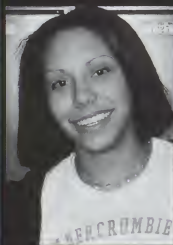
Katrina Lewis



Junior girls



Danielle Bennett



## Sophia Rivera

**Age:** 17

**Likes:** Sippin' slurpies w/ Lope, after school specials with Eri, Percy & Bella

**Dislikes:** Two-faced people, liars, & posers

**Activities:** Prom committee, sleeping, and chillin' with Steve and friends



## Pamela Hedrick

**Age:** 17

**Likes:** Cars, sports, food, sweat out-fits & comfy pants

**Dislikes:** school, & "pretty boys"

**Activities:** Work, hanging out with friends, & playing pool



Patricia  
SULICZ



Joshua  
SWANSON



Elizabeth  
TABERNACKI



Nathaniel  
TECHENTIN



Kevin  
THOMAS



Scott  
THOMPSON



Daniel  
TRZECIAK



Mark  
TRZNADEL



Natalie  
WALKER



Lauren  
WASKO



Steven  
WESOLEK



Patrick  
WHITE



Ryan  
WHITE



Erica  
WILL



Stacy  
WALKER



Melanie  
WITHAM



Allison  
WOLAK



Brandon  
WOLAK



Christen  
WOLTZEN



Stephanie  
ZIMNY

# Numbers

275 members of the 2004 Class

105 Juniors own their own car

13 2004 students are left handed

95 Shmucks still have stuffed animals

66 Students vacationed outside the U.S.

71 Prefer sandals over shoes



Megan Head



Lindsey Frets & Meghan Palm



On our way



juniors



LIGHTS

CAMERA

ACTION ♦♦♦

THE SCREENPLAY FOR  
THE SENIORS OF  
HIGHLAND  
HIGH SCHOOL  
2003

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Tracks to Time



**ONCE UPON A TIME...** THERE WAS THE HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2003, AND THIS WAS THEIR SWINING MOMENT TOGETHER. IT WAS BUT ONE STEP ALONG LIFE'S ROAD, BUT THE MEMORIES WOULD LAST FOREVER IN THEIR HEARTS AND MINDS. SOME WOULD STAY IN THEIR COMMUNITY, AND OTHERS WOULD VENTURE OUT ABOUT DISTANCES AROUND THE WORLD. THEIR INARED MEMORIES WOULD ALWAYS BRING THEM HOME IN THOUGHTS OF HIGHLAND HIGH.

Each person has the dream that he will strive for and work a lifetime to achieve. When one finally reaches the pinnacle of his success, he will want to stay there forever. On occasion one will look to the past and a smile, a laugh, or a tear will be the product of a memory long ago. Time may dim the visual picture but not what is in one's heart. Our senior pictures will be what we will always turn back to, to put a face to our memories.

We smiled our brightest smile, did our hair just so, borrowed dad's belt tie, and wore the necklace that grandma had given us for our birthday. Our pictures are the one special moment in time that will help us to relive our memories together forever.



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Andrea  
**ALLEN**



Brandon  
**ALLEN**



Ashlee  
**ALUMBAUGH**



Sarah  
**BARNEY**



John  
**BARR**



Brian  
**BERNARDINO**



Nichole  
**BROWN**



Aaron  
**BUGAJSKI**



Tracey  
**CABLE**



Blanca  
**CALDERON**



Adam  
**CARRIER**



Garret  
**CARSTENSEN**



Michael  
**CHLOROS**



Sarah  
**CICHY**



Sarah  
**CUMMINS**



Nathan  
**CURTIS**



Laura  
**DALEY**



Gabriel  
**DELAROSA**



Keith  
**ANDERKO**



Eric  
**ANTCZAK**



Lyndee  
**ARNOLD**



Abel  
**ARROYO**



Jonathan  
**BARNES**



Christopher  
**BIEKER**



Roberta  
**BIGOTT**



Danielle  
**BLAND**



Jennifer  
**BOND**



Rachel  
**BROOKS**



Jorge  
**CAMPOS**



Gregory  
**CARLSON**



Nataly  
**CARRASCO**



Tiffani  
**CLAYBURN**



Rebecca  
**CLEAVER**



Maritza  
**CORDOVA**



Michele  
**DENEO**



Christopher  
**DEWIER**



Megan  
**DEWIER**

## SHOOTING SCHEDULE

- 10 AM Alarm goes off- 60 seconds for  
five more minutes
  - 10 AM Alarm goes off again- ignore it
  - 10 AM Receive a phone call from a friend  
asking when you are going to make  
homework due
  - 10 AM Race to friend's house to pick her  
up
  - 10 AM Get in a taxi and find my parents  
left in the senior lot- park in C-lot
  - 10 AM Get to first floor- wait for teachers  
about having all time
  - 10 AM Forget homework for the third  
time this week- so forget it
  - 10 AM Realize there was a test today-  
ask for a pass in the nurse's office
  - 10 AM Teacher's aide decide to take all  
stupid questions
  - 10 PM Get a pass to leave seventh hour  
early- get stuck in traffic
  - 10 PM Have to work- make only \$5.00 an  
hour
- ONLY 100 MORE DAYS LEFT UNTIL  
GRADUATION





*"The parties at my house-especially Russfest 2002. All Russel Crowe, all day."*

*Heather Taylor*

*"Rewinding the movies in Japanese, so we could watch them longer."*

*Tina Marzeuski*



**Natasa  
DJURIC**



**Margaret  
DONNER**



**Tracy  
DOWNING**



**Colleen  
ELLIS**



**Brandon  
ELMORE**



**Bryan  
FOSTER**



**Steven  
FOUST**



**Sean  
FOX**



**Jacquelyn  
FRANZ**



**Erin  
FRISBY**



**Lindsay  
GOTCH**



**Brandy  
GRACE**



**Michael  
GRELECKI**



**Brandi  
GROEN**



*"Going to state and  
winning sectionals in  
the 50 free."*

*Nathan Pappas*

*"Mr. Martin dancing  
and singing to TLC's  
"No Scrubs."*

*Tracey Cable*



**Trent  
ELMORE**



**Stephanie  
FEINBERG**



**Melissa  
FEZLER**



**Brandon  
FIELDHOUSE**



**Matthew  
FLEDDERJOHANN**



**Lysie  
FUNKHOUSER**



**Jennifer  
GEARY**



**Victoria  
GEFFERT**



**Carie  
GENTRY**



**Shawn  
GILGE**



**Anthony  
GUTIERREZ**



**Jeanette  
HACKER**



**Lauren  
HALLAHAN**



**Jessica  
HAMMAN**





Joshua  
**HAMSTRA**



Michael  
**HANEY**



Douglas  
**HARPER**



Kyle  
**HAWKINS**



Richard  
**HAYES**



Kyle  
**HOOGEVEEN**



Bryanne  
**HOWE**



Sarah  
**IRIZARRY**



Joshua  
**JABCZYNSKI**



Justin  
**JANIK**



## *Favorite Movies Year*

*The Ring* 8 Mile

*Daredevil* *Chicago*

*Sweet Home Alabama*

*How to Lose a Guy in 10 days*

*Gangs of New York*

*My Big Fat Greek Wedding*

*Lord of the Rings:*

*The Two Tower*

*Harry Potter:*

*The Chamber of Secrets*



Ryan  
**KESSLER**



Denise  
**KILLMER**



Michael  
**KINCAID**



Gregory  
**KOCH**



Jonathan  
**KOKOT**



Lori  
**KOLLADA**



Robert  
**LITAVEC**



Natalie  
**LITERA**



Andrew  
**LOCKE**



**Steven  
HEATON**



**Daniel  
HEJMEJ**



**Courtney  
HENDRON**



**Christopher  
JOHANSONSEN**



**Candice  
JOHNSON**



**Sarah  
JONES**



**Dru  
KITCHELL**



**Jackie  
KLEIN**



**Adam  
KLOBUCAR**



**Amanda  
KOPISCHKE**



**Julie  
KOTYNSKI**



**Devan  
KRCMARIC**



**Amanda  
LEWIS**



**Elida  
LOZANO**



**Brian  
LUCHON**



**Samantha  
LYNCH**



**Anthony  
MANCICH**



*Places  
to EAT*

*- after the show -*

*Bennigans*

*Wendy's*

*Olive Garden*

*Baker's Square*

*Applebees*

*Steak and Shake*

*Lincoln's*

*Pepper Jacks*







Christopher  
**MANUS**



Dana  
**MARLOWE**



Anthony  
**MARZILLI**



Dale  
**MASSEY**



Michael  
**MAZUR**



Kyle  
**MURPHY**



Mark  
**NATELBORG**



Keith  
**NELSON**



Nicholas  
**NEWLAND**



Amy  
**NIMETZ**



Heather  
**OPOLSKI**



Christopher  
**ORBAN**



Alonzo  
**ORTEGA**



Holly  
**PANSHYN**



Nathaniel  
**PAPPAS**

## AND THE WINNER IS...

Best Eyes

Michael Straszynski

&

Heather Zuhl

Class Clown

Mark Natelborg

&

Lauren Nolen

Biggest Mooch

William Farrenkopf

&

Sarah Cummins

Biggest Airhead

Matthew Winston

&

Jennifer Geary

Best Athletes

William Farrenkopf

&

Sarah Jones

Best Personality

Kyle Murphy

&

Julie Kotynski

Most Likely To Be Late

For Their Own Wedding

Mark Popovich

&

Laura Daley

Most Likely To Become

President

Emmanuel Thomas

&

Dana Marlowe

Couple Most Likely To

Get Married

Anthony Gutierrez

&

Holly Vanderpool

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**Matthew  
MCCARTY**



**Daniel  
MIHALIK**



**Kristen  
MISNER**



**Aaron  
MOFFITT**



**Starla  
MORRIS**



**Lauren  
NOLEN**



**Joel  
NOVAK**



**Natalie  
NOWAK**



**Gregory  
OKAMOTO**



**Jaime  
OOMS**



**Joseph  
PERES**



**Christianne  
PEREZ**



**Jeffrey  
PERRONE**



**David  
PETERSON**



**Neal  
PETERSON**

**Best Smile**

*John Barr*

&

*Julie Kotynski*

**Best Dressed**

*Michael Rogue*

&

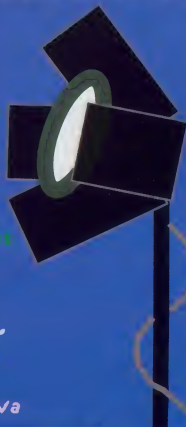
*Ashley Volbrecht*

**Best Artist**

*Michael Seliger*

&

*Laura Timko*



**Worst Driver**

*Christopher Castillo*

&

*Megan DeWier*

**Biggest Flirt**

*Chuck Puntillo*

&

*Dana Wilkins*

**Most Charitable**

*Emmanuel Thomas*

&

*Yasmin Rios*

*Most Likely To Become*

*A Millionaire*

*Emmanuel Thomas*

&

*Dana Marlowe*

*Most Likely To*

*Become Famous*

*Matthew Fleckenjohnn*

&

*Allison Brack*

**Best Dancer**

*Adam White*

&

*Maritza Cordova*





# **We Listened To**

Foo Fighters-One by One  
 John Mayer-Your Body is a Wonderland  
 Christina Aguilera-Beautiful  
 Nelly-Air Force Ones  
 Avril Lavigne-Complicated  
 Missy Elliot-Work It  
 Eminem-Lose Yourself  
 Good Charlotte-Lifestyles of the Rich and the Famous  
 50 Cent-In the Club  
 Matchbox 20-Disease  
 Dixie Chicks-Landslide  
 No Doubt-Lovely



**Naomi  
PINA**



**Lindsay  
PLIKUHN**



**Kevin  
POPOVICH**



**Stephanie  
REED**



**Mindy  
REYES**



**Yasmin  
RIOS**



**Joel  
SCHMAL**



**Mark  
SCHOCKE**



**Gino  
SCHREMENTI**



**Katie  
SHURLOW**



**David  
SIMON**



**Jessica  
SIVAK**



**Cora  
SKNERSKI**



**Amanda  
SNYDER**



**Jacob  
SOBOTA**



**Stephen  
SOSTARIC**



**Gina  
STANKO**



Mark  
**POPOVICH**



Charles  
**PUNTILLO**



Aaron  
**RATA CZAK**



Julie  
**REED**



Rachael  
**REED**



Matthew  
**ROLLAND**



Michael  
**ROQUE**



Alex  
**ROSS**



Aliciavidal  
**RUIZ**



Janna  
**SCHEERINGA**



Shelly  
**SEITZINGER**



Andria  
**SHOEMAKER**



William  
**SHOEMAKER**



Jennifer  
**SKNERSKI**



Chrissy  
**SMART**



Aaron  
**SMITH**



Joseph  
**STANKOVICH**



Elizabeth  
**STEEL**



Michael  
**STRAZZANTE**

## Places We're Going

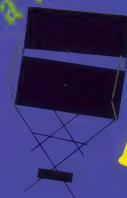
When the Show is Over

Purdue  
Ball State  
Indiana

Purdue Calumet  
IU Northwest

University of Southern Indiana  
University of Indianapolis

*That's a Wrap!*





Brett  
**SULLIVAN**



Michael  
**SUSKO**



Mary  
**SUTLIFF**



Wendy Jo  
**SVETANOFF**



John  
**SWIATKOWSKI**



Laura  
**TIMKO**



Brittany  
**TOMERA**



Laura  
**TOMETZAK**



Brian  
**TOPPEL**



Jamie  
**TOREN**



Holly  
**VANDERPOOL**



Ashley  
**VOLBRECHT**



Sarah  
**VUCKOVICH**



Sarah  
**WARNER**



"Jeannie!"

Dana Marlowe

"Are you joking?"

Tracie Cable

"Whatever... Whoah."

Ryan Kessler

"Fo' Shizzle."

Heather Taylor

"Cool Digs."

Gino Schrementi

"That's hot!"

Tony Marzilli

"I'm like Switzerland-Neutral!"

Meadow

"Sweet Deal."

Stephanie Reed



Sarah  
**SWINFORD**



Michael  
**SYTNIK**



Heather  
**TAYLOR**



Kevin  
**THEOBALD**



Emmanuel  
**THOMAS**



Brooke  
**TORRENGA**



Lauren  
**TOWSNICKS**



Tara  
**TRACZYK**



Matthew  
**TSILIS**



Jamie  
**TURKEVICH**



Sheena  
**WEAVER**



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**WEBB**



David  
**WILINSKI**



Dana  
**WILKINS**





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Andrew  
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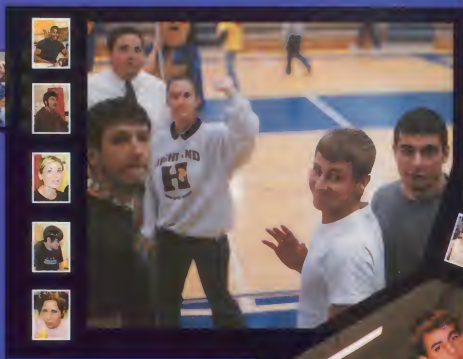


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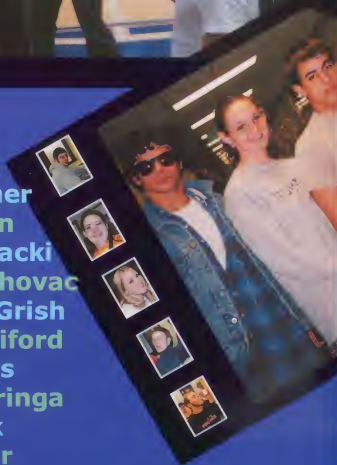


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Theresa Abney  
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Jason Alumbaugh  
Brian Andree  
Tiffany Berber  
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Michael Boehm  
Peter Bonin  
Allison Brack  
David Bustamante  
Christopher Castillo  
Nicole Cianci  
Sara DeBoer  
William Farrenkopf  
Robert Filipowicz  
David Frederick



Mary Gallagher  
Rodney Glenn  
Crystal Glowacki  
Nicholas Grahovac  
Christopher Grish  
Timothy Haniford  
Melody Harris  
Mitchell Heeringa  
Nicole Houck  
Peter Huerter





**Matthew  
YUKNIS**



**Adam  
ZATORSKI**



**Laura  
ZEMEN**



**Dean  
ZIEMBECKI**



**Heather  
ZUHL**



**Kyle Jasin  
Jill Johnson  
Amy Kunz  
Erin Lewis  
Tiffany Lipa  
Ella Livchitz  
Timothy Marczewski  
Christopher Martinez  
Amanda Morris  
Jose Oblea**

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Ryan Perryman  
Adam Pimentel  
Marcella Puente  
Tariq Qaisrani  
Joseph Rubio  
Marisa Saucedo  
Brandy Scartozzi  
Amber Schaus  
Michael Seliger  
Adriane Sell  
Charles Simmons  
Allen Smith  
Sean Smith  
Ginamarie St Antoine  
Nathan Stahl  
John Stivers  
Edward Szydlowski  
David Thompson  
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**ABNEY, Theresa:** Academic Decathlon 4, Choir 3-4, German Club 1-2, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3, Speech & Debate 1, Student Aide 4, Student Council 2, Theatre 1-4.

**AHUOGU, Ogul:** Blood Drive 4, German Club 1-2, Student Aide 2-3, Swimming 1-3.

**ALLEN, Andrea:** Blood Drive 4, Japanese Club 2-3, Key Club 2-3, Dance Team 1-3, Student Advisory Board 1-4, Student Aide 1-3, Snowflake 2-4.

**ALLEN, Brandon:** Blood Drive 4, Japanese Club 1, Football 1-2, Track 1-2.

**ALLEN, Joshua:**

**ALUMBAUGH, Ashlee:** Key Club 4, Honors Diploma, Student Aide 2, Softball 1-4.

**ALUMBAUGH, Jason:**

**ANDERKO, Keith:** Academic Decathlon 2-4 (Co-President), National Honor Society 3-4, National Art Honor Society 3-4, Honors Diploma, Speech & Debate 3-4, Theatre 1-4, Handbell Choir 2-4, Creator of Sept. 11 monument.

**ANDREE, Brian:** Blood Drive 4, Honors Diploma, Wrestling 4.

**ANTCZAK, Eric:** Band 1-2, German Club 2-4, German Honor Society 3-4, National Honor Society 3-4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3, Orchestra 1-2, Student Aide 4.

**ARNOLD, Lyndee:** Blood Drive 1-3, Key Club 1-4, Operation Resist 1-4, Prom 3, Turnabout 3-4, National Honor Society 3-4, French Honor Society 2-4, Honors Diploma, Student Advisory Board 1-4, Student Aide 2-4, Student Government (Class President) 1, Student Council 1-3, Soccer 1-4, Basketball 1-4, Track 1-4, Football Stat Girl 4, Snowflake 3-4.

**ARROYO, Abel:** Blood Drive 4, Key Club 4, Natural Helper 3, Newspaper 4, Student Government (Class Treasurer) 4, Student Council 4.

**BARNES, Jonathan:** Football 1, 2, 4, Wrestling 2-4.

**BARNEY, Sarah:** Japanese Club, Student Aide 2-4, Basketball 1, Soccer 1-4, Softball 1-4.

**BARR, John:** Choir 3-4, Homecoming Court 4, Student Advisory Board 1-3, Student Aide 3, Track 1-4, Basketball 1-2, Tutor 1-4, Mat Maid 4.

**BERBER, Tiffany:** Blood Drive 3-4, Spanish Club 1-2, Natural Helper 2, Volleyball 1-2, Basketball 1-2.

**BERNADINO, Brian:** Blood Drive 3-4, Spanish 3-4, National Honor Society 3-4, National Art Honor Society 2-4, Spanish Honor Society 2-4, Honors Diploma, Tennis 1-4.

**BIEKER, Christopher:**

**BIGOTT, Roberts:** Natural Helper 3, Student Aide 2-3.

**BLAND, Danielle:** Blood Drive 3-4, Natural Helper 3, Newspaper 3, Student Aide 2, Cheerleading 1-2.

**BOCHNOWSKI, Nicole:**

**BOEHM, Michael:**

**BOND, Jennifer:**

**BONIN, Peter:**

**BRACK, Allison:** Choir 1-4, National Honor Society, Natural Helper 3, Speech & Debate 1, Theatre 1-4, Church Activities 1-4.

**BROOKS, Rachel:**

**BROWN, Nicholas:**

**BUGAJSKI, Aaron:** Student Advisory Board 1-4, Student Aide 4, Cross Country 1-4, Basketball 1-4, Baseball 1-4.

**BUSTAMANTE, David:** Blood Drive 4, Choir 4, National Honor Society 3-4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3, Student Aide 3, Swimming 3-4, Cross Country 3, Theatre 3.

**CABLE, Tracey:** Band 1-2, Blood Drive 3-4, Key Club 1-3 (Vice President), 4 (President), Trend 2, Homecoming 1-4, Blood Drive 1-4, Spaghetti Dinner 1-4, French Honor Society 2-4, National Honor Society 3-4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3-4, Student Advisory Board 1-2, Student Aide 4, Student Council 1-4, Softball 1-3, Theatre 1-4, Drama 1-2, Tutor 1,2,4, Snowflake 1-4, Snowflurry 1-4, Phonathon 2-4, RYLA 2.

**CALDERON, Bianca:** Spanish Club 1-3, Key Club 1-2, Prom Committee 3, Turnabout Committee 4, Dance Team 2, National Art Honor Society 4, Honors Diploma, Mat Maid 1, Student Aide 2-4, Volleyball 1-2, Basketball 1-2, Track 1,2,4.

**CAMPOS, Jorge:** Blood Drive 3-4, Student Aide 4, Track 1-2, Snowflake 4.

**CARLSON, Gregory:** Theatre 4.

**CARRASCO, Nataly:** Choir 1-3, French Club 2-4, Key Club 4, Prom Committee 3, Dance Team 3, National Art Honor Society 2-4, National Honor Society 3-4, French Honor Society 2-4 (President), Honors Diploma, Student Aide 3, Yearbook 3-4, Honor Roll 1-4.

**CARRIER, Adam:** Student Aide 3, Basketball 1,2,4, Track 1-3, Reality Store 1.

**CARSTENSEN, Garrett:** German Club 1-2, German Honor Society 2, Swimming 1-2.

**CASTILLO, Christopher:** Football 2, Swimming 2-4, Track 1-4.

**CHLOROS, Michael:**

**CIANCHI, Nicole:**

**CICHY, Sarah:** Natural Helper 2-4, Speech & Debate 2, Swimming 2-4.

**CLAYBURN, Tiffany:** Choir 1, National Art Honor Society 1-4, Newspaper 4, Student Aide 3.

**CLEAVER, Rebecca:** Blood Drive 3, Choir 1-2,4.

**CORDOVA, Maritza:** Key Club 3, French Club 3, Prom Committee 3, Dance Team 1-2, 3-4, (Captain), French Honor Society, National Honor Society, Honors Diploma, Natural

Helper 3, Orchestra 1, Student Aide 2-4, Drama 3, Tutor 4, Contact Care Program 4.

**CUMMINS, Sarah:** Choir 1-4, Key Club 1, Basketball 1, SHIELD Yearbook 2-4, Ad Editor 3, Photo Editor 4.

**CURTIS, Nathan:**

**DALEY, Laura:** Blood Drive 4, Key Club 4, Prom Court 3, Homecoming Court 4, Prom Committee 3, Turnabout Committee 4, Student Aide 2-4, Cross Country 1-4 (Captain), Basketball 1-3, Track 1-4, Snowflake 1-4, Snowflurry 2.

**DEBOER, Sara:** Student Aide 3-4.

**DELAROSA, Gabriel:**

**DEMO, Michele:** Basketball 4  
**DEWIER, Christopher:** Blood Drive 4, Japanese Club 1-4, Student Aide 3, Student Council 4, Football 1-4, Basketball 1.

**DEWIER, Megan:** Blood Drive 2-4, Key Club 2-3, Trend 4, Prom Court, Homecoming Court, Prom Committee, Turnabout Committee, Natural Helper 3, Newspaper 3-4, Student Aide 2-4, Basketball 1, Volleyball 1-2, Swimming 3-4, Tennis 1-4, Cross Country 4, Snowflake 4.

**DJURIC, Natasha:** Blood Drive 4, Choir 1-4, Speech & Debate 1, Student Aide 2.

**DONNER, Margaret:** Blood Drive 3-4, Choir 1-4, National Honor Society 3-4, Honors Diploma, Student Aide 4, Student Council 2-4, Tennis 1-4, Volleyball 1,2,4, Tutor 4, Science Olympiad 1-4, Trend 3-4, Highland Dollars for Scholars 4, Madrigal Choir 4.

**DOBOSZ, Danielle:** Tennis, Honors Diploma.

**DOWNING, Tracy:**

**ELLIS, Colleen:** Blood Drive 3-4, Student Aide 3-4.

**ELMORE, Brandon:**

**ELMORE, Trent:**  
**FARENKOPF, William:** Hockey 1-2, Prom Court, Homecoming Court 4, Honors Diploma, Student Advisory Board 1-4, Student Aide 3-4, Football 1-4, Baseball 1-4, Wrestling 2,4, Theatre 4.

**FEINBERG, Stephanie:** Blood Drive 2-4, National Art Honor Society 2-4.  
**FEZLER, Melissa:** Choir 2, Advanced Girls Choir 3-4.

**FIELHOUSE, Brandon:** Building Trades 4, Japanese Club, Prom Committee, Football 4, Basketball 2, Baseball 4, Track 1, Blood Drive.

**FILIPOVIC, Robert:** Chess Club 3, Orchestra 1-4.

**FLEDDERJOHANN, Matthew:** Blood Drive 3-4, Choir 1-4, Spanish Honor Society 3, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3, Speech & Debate 3-4, Student Aide 3, Student Council 3-4 (Vice President), Track 1, Theatre 1-4, Madrigal Choir 2-4, Swing Choir 3.

**FOSTER, Brian:** Student Aide 3, Football 1-2.

**FOUST, Steven:** Student Aide 2-4, Student Council 2,3, Career Center 4.  
**FOX, Sean:** Cross Country 1-4, Swimming 1-4, Track 1-2, National Honor Society 3-4, Student Council 1-4, German Honor Society 2-4, Natural Helper 3.

**FRANZ, Jacquelyn:** Key Club 1-3, Japanese Club 1-3, Student Aide 3, Tennis 1-4.

**FREDERICK, David:**

**FRISBY, Erin:** Blood Drive 2, Soccer 1-3, Tutor 4.

**FUNKHOUSER, Lysine:** Key Club 2-4, Homecoming Committee 1, Student Aide 2-4, Football Manager 2-4, Boys Basketball Manager 2-4.  
**GALLAGHER, Mary:** Blood Drive 4, Choir 1-4, Trend 3-4, Prom Committee 1-3, Student Council 4, Theatre 1-4, TATU 2-4.

**GEARY, Jennifer:** Student Aide 3-4, Cheerleading 1-4.

**GEFFERT, Victoria:** Student Aide 4.  
**GENTRY, Carrie:** Band 1-4, Key Club 3, Trend 3, National Honor Society 4, National Art Honor Society 1-4, Honors Diploma, Student Aide 3-4, Colorguard 1-4, Tutor 4.

**GILGE, Shawn:** Building Trades, Wrestling 3-4, Football 1.

**GLENN, Rodney:** German Club 3, Swimming 1, Football 1-2.

**GLOWACKI, Crystal:**

**GOTCH, Lindsay:** Blood Drive 3-4, Softball 1-4, Volleyball 1-2, Tutor 2-4.

**GRACE, Brandy:** Honors Diploma, Bowling 4, Snowflake 4.

**GRHOVAC, Nicholas:** Mat Maids 1,3.

**GRIECK, Michael:** Football 1, Basketball 1, Track 1.

**GRISH, Christopher:** Career Center 3-4.

**GROEN, Brandi:** Blood Drive 3-4, Choir 3-4, Spanish Club 1-3, Key Club 2-3, Dance Team 2, National Art Honor Society 2-4, Student Aide 2, Volleyball 1, Tennis 1, Track 2-4, Tutor 4.

**GUTIERREZ, Anthony:** Blood Drive 1-4, Blood Drive Committee 1, Spaghetti Dinner 1, National Honor Society 3-4, Honors Diploma, Student Aide 4, Student Council 1, Football 1-4, Track 2-3, Weightlifting 2-4, Tutor 4, Ton Club 4, School Mascot 1-2.

**HACKER, Jeanette:** Key Club 2-3, Japanese Club 2-4, Dance Team 2, Japanese National Honor Society 2-4, National Honor Society 3-4, Honors



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Diploma, Speech & Debate 1, Cheerleading 1, SHIELD Yearbook 2-4, (Photo Editor 3, Editor-in-Chief 4),  
**HALLAHAN, Lauren:** Key Club 1-4, Japanese Club 1-4, Prom Court 3, Prom Committee 3-4, Turnabout Committee 3-4, National Honor Society 3-4, Honors Diploma, Mentor 4, Natural Helper 3-4, Student Advisory Board 1-2, Student Aide 2-4, Soccer 1-4, Track 1-4, Basketball 1.  
**HAMMAN, Jessica:** Trend, Key Club, Natural Helper, Student Aide, Basketball 1-4, Volleyball, Cross Country.  
**HAMSTRA, Joshua:** Building Trades 1-4, Trend, Spanish Club, Prom Committee, Basketball 1-3, Baseball 1-4, Track 1, Student Council 4.  
**HANEY, Michael:** Office Aide, Football 1-4, Basketball 1, Wrestling 2, Track 4-4, Snowflake.  
**HANFORD, Timothy:** Soccer 2.  
**HARPER, Douglas:** Blood Drive 1-4, Varsity Choir 1-4, Madrigal, Class Vice President 1, Class President 2-3, Class Secretary 4, Spanish Club 1-2, Chess Club 3, Prom Committee 3, Homecoming Committee 1-4, Natural Helper 3, TATU 2-4, Student Aide 3-4, Student Council 1-4 (President), Bowling 3, Snowflake 4, Handbell Choir 2-3, After 6 Ensemble 1-3, Environmental Club 3, Trend 1-4 (Co-President), ITT 3, STAND 4, Contact Cares 4, ISSMA 2-4, Freshman Orientation 3-4.  
**HARRIS, Melody:** Auditorium 1-2, Blood Drive 2, French Club, Newspaper 4, Student Aide 2-3, Student Council 2.  
**HAWKINS, Kyle:** Blood Drive 3-4, Chess Club 3, Trend 4, National Honor Society 3-4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3-4, Student Aide 2-4, Student Council 4, Soccer 1-4 (Captain), Cross Country 3, Track 3, TATU 2, Snowflake 3-4, Snowflurry 3-4.  
**HAYES, Richard:** Japanese Club 1-4, Japanese Honor Society 2-4, National Honor Society 2-4, National Art Honor Society 2-4, Honors Diploma, Track 1-4.  
**HEATON, Steven:** Student Aide 2-4.  
**HEERINGA, Mitchell:**  
**HEIMEJ, Daniel:** Blood Drive 4, Spanish Club 1-2, Honors Diploma, Student Aide 4, Football 1-2, Swimming 1-4, Track 1-4.  
**HENDRON, Courtney:** Blood Drive 2-4, Trend 2-4, Key Club 3-4, Turnabout Committee 4, Prom Committee 4, Speech & Debate 1-2, Student Aide 2-4, SHIELD Yearbook 4.  
**Hoogeveen, Kyle:** Blood Drive 3-4, German Club 2-4, National Honor Society 3-4, German Honor Society 3-4, Honors Diploma, Student Advisory Board 1-2, Golf 1-4.

**HOUCK, Nichole:** Track 1.  
**HOWE, Bryanne:** Dance Team 2-3, Natural Helper 3, Student Aide 3, Soccer 1-3.  
**HUERTER, Peter:** Auditorium 1-4, Choir 1-4, French Club 1, National Art Honor Society 2-4, Theatre 1-4.  
**IRIZARRY, Sarah:** Blood Drive 2-4, National Honor Society 3-4, Spanish Honor Society 1-4, National Art Honor Society 2-4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3-4, Tennis 1.  
**JABRZINSKI, Joshua:** Blood Drive 4, Track 3-4.  
**JANIK, Justin:**  
**JASIN, Kyle:** Choir 1-4, Sight & Sound 3-4, Student Aide 2, Wrestling 4.  
**JOHANSEN, Christopher:** Student Aide 3, Student Council 4, Football 1-4, Baseball 1-4.  
**JOHNSON, Candice:** Key Club, Snowflake 4, Career Center 3-4.  
**JOHNSON, Jill:** Track 1-2.  
**JONES, Sarah:** Blood Drive 3-4, Mentor 4, Soccer 1-4, Cross Country 2-4, Swimming 1-4, Soccer 1-4, Dollars for Scholars 4.  
**KESSLER, Ryan:** German Club 2-4 (Vice President), National Honor Society 3-4, National German Honor Society 2-4 (Vice President), National Art Honor Society 2-4, Honors Diploma, Student Aide 4, Soccer 1-2, Track 1-2.  
**KILLMER, Denise:** Blood Drive 4, Spanish Honor Society 2-4, National Honor Society 3-4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3-4, Student Advisory Board 1-2, Student Aide 3-4, Cross Country 1, Soccer 1-4, Track 1-4, Tutor 4.  
**KINCAID, Michael:** Blood Drive 1, Key Club 1, Student Aide, Football 1-4, Track 2-3, Basketball 1.  
**KITCHELL, Drew:** Blood Drive 4, Spanish Club 2-3, Tennis 1-4, Baseball 1-2.  
**KLEIN, Jackie:** Blood Drive 3-4.  
**KLOCAR, Adam:** Tutor 4.  
**KOCH, Gregory:** Japanese Honor Society 3-4, Honors Diploma, Bowling 2-4.  
**KOKOT, Jonathan:** Blood Drive 1-4, Japanese Club 1-4, Student Aide 3-4, Football 1-4, Baseball 1-2.  
**KOLLADA, Lori:**  
**KOPPEL, Amanda:** Choir 3, TATU 2-3, Trend 4, National Honor Society 3-4, Spanish Honor Society 3-4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3-4, Student Aide 1-4, Theatre 2-4, Handbell Choir 2-4.  
**KOITSYNI, Julie:** Key Club 1-3, Spanish Club 1-2 (President), Prom Court 3 (Queen), Prom Committee 2-3, National Honor Society 3-4, Spanish Honor Society 3-4 (Vice President), National Art Honor Society 1-4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper, Student Aide 3-4, Volleyball 1-2, Track 1, Contact Cares 3-4.  
**KRCMARIC, Devan:**  
**KUNZ, Amy:** Blood Drive 2-4, Key Club 2-4 (Treasurer), German Club 2-4 (President), National Honor Society 3-4, German Honor Society 3-4 (Secretary), Honors Diploma, Natural Helper

3, Mat Maid 1-2, Orchestra 1-2, Student Aide 2-4, Soccer 1-2, Contacting Kids At Home 4.  
**LEWIS, Amanda:** Blood Drive 3-4, Choir 2-4, Prom Committee 3, Turnabout Committee 3-4, Student Aide 1-3-4, Theatre 1-4.  
**LEWIS, Erin:** Key Club 2-4, National Art Honor Society, Service Learning 3-4.  
**LIPA, Tiffany:** Career Center  
**LITAVEC, Robert:** Blood Drive 2-4, German Club 1-4 (Co-President), National Honor Society 3-4, German National Honor Society 2-4 (President), Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3, Student Aide 2-3, Tutor 4.  
**LITERA, Natalie:** German Club 1, Prom Committee 3, Dance Team 1-4, National Honor Society 3-4, German Honor Society 2-4, Honors Diploma, Student Aide 2.  
**LITCHT, Elia:** Choir 1-4.  
**LOCKE, Andrew:** Blood Drive 1, 3-4, National Honor Society 3-4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3-4, Student Aide 3-4, Student Council 1, 3-4, Basketball 1-4, Football 1-4, Track 2, Contact Cares 4, Snowflake 1, 3-4.  
**LOZANO, Elida:** Spanish Club 3-3, French Club 4, Honors Diploma, Peer Tutor 4.  
**LUCHON, Brian:** Auditorium 1-4, Blood Drive 3-4, Student Aide 2-4, Baseball 1-4, Theatre 1-4.  
**LYNCH, Samantha:** Spanish Club 2-4 (Secretary), Key Club 2-3, Homecoming Committee 3, Speech & Debate 2-4, Student Aide 4, Student Council 3, SHIELD Yearbook 3-4.  
**MANCINI, Anthony:**  
**MANUS, Christopher:**  
**MARCZEWSKI, Timothy:** Japanese Club 1-4 (Vice President), Key Club 1-4, National Honor Society 3-4, National Art Honor Society 3-4, Japanese Honor Society 3-4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3, Track 1-3, Tutor 4.  
**MARLOWE, David:** Key Club 2-4, Speech 1-2 (Secretary), Debate 3, Japanese Club 1-4, Japanese Honor Society 2-4, NHS 3-4, Dollars for Scholars 3-4, Blood Drive 2-4, Student Council 2-4, Nurse's Aide 4, Honors Diploma.  
**MARTINEZ, Christopher:** Student Aide 4, Football 2.  
**MARZILLI, Anthony:** Honors Diploma, Baseball 1-2.  
**MASSEY, Richard:** Blood Drive 3, Japanese Club 3-4, Japanese Honor Society 2, Student Aide 2-4, Baseball 1-2.  
**MAZUR, Michael:** Japanese Club 1-2, Student Aide 1-4, Tennis 1-4, Golf 1-4, Natural Helper 3, Contact Care 4.  
**MCCAMBRIDGE, Kyle:** Blood Drive 3-4, Choir 1-4, Natural Helper 3-4, Speech & Debate 2-3, Student Advisory Board 4, Student Aide 2-3, Student Government 4, Student Council 4, Football 1-4, Baseball 1-2, Theatre 1-4.  
**MCCARTY, Matthew:** Auditorium 1-4, Japanese Club 2-4, Football 1-4, Theatre 1-4.  
**MIHALIK, Daniel:**  
**MISNER, Kristen:** Blood Drive 4, Trend 4, Snowflake 4, Student Aide 2-4, Cross Country 1-2, Basketball 1-3, Track 1-4, Peer Tutor 3, Dollars for Scholars.  
**MOFFITT, Aaron:** German Honor Society 2-3, Honors Diploma.  
**MORRIS, Alexander:** Student Aide 3-4.  
**MORRIS, Starla:** Choir 1-4, Spanish Club 4, Key Club 1, Homecoming Court 4 (Queen), Dance Team 2, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3-4, Bowling 4.  
**MURPHY, Kyle:** Blood Drive 4, Key

Club 2-4, Prom Court 3, Homecoming Court 4 (King), Prom Committee 3, Homecoming Committee 4, National Honor Society 4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3, Student Council 4, Basketball 1-2, Track 1-2, Contact Care 3-4, Snowflake 4, Snowflurry 4.  
**NATELBORG, Mark:** Football 1-4, Track 2-3.  
**NELSON, Keith:** Blood Drive 2-4, Soccer 1-4, Wrestling 2, Track 3-4, Diving 4.  
**NEWLAND, Nicholas:** Football 2-4, Wrestling 3, Track 2-4.  
**NIMETZ, Amy:** Blood Drive 1, Spanish Club 1-2, Key Club 1-2, Prom Committee 3, Turnabout Committee 4, National Honor Society 3-4, Spanish Honor Society 2-4, Student Aide 4, Student Council 1, Basketball 1, Volleyball 1-2, Track 1, Cross Country 4, Snowflake 4, Snowflurry 1, Contact Cares 3-4.  
**NOLEN, Lauren:** Natural Helper 3, Student Aide 3-4.  
**NOVAK, Joel:** Blood Drive 3, German Club 1-3, Honors Diploma, Student Aide 4.  
**NOWAK, Natalie:**  
**OBLEA JR, Jose:**  
**OKAMOTO, Gregory:** Japanese Club 2-4, Key Club 1-2, Orchestra 1-4, Student Aide 4, Student Council 3, Wrestling 1-4.  
**OOMS, Jaime:** Choir 1-2, French Club 3, Speech & Debate 1, Softball 4, Bowling 2, Theatre Arts 4.  
**OPOLSKI, Heather:** Blood Drive 3-4, Trend 1-3, Key Club 1-4, German Club 1-3, Environmental Club 3, Prom Committee 3, Basketball 1, Tennis 3, Cross Country 4, Track 4, Dollars for Scholars 3-4, Youth Group 2-3, Realty Store 1.  
**ORBAN, Christopher:** Wrestling 1-4 (Captain).  
**ORTEGA, Alonzo:** Wrestling 1, Track 1.  
**PANSHYN, Holly:** Student Aide 4, Volleyball 1, Tennis 1.  
**PAPER, Daniel:** Japanese Club 2-3, Honors Diploma, Swimming 1-4.  
**PAYLAYO, Juan:**  
**PERES, Joseph:** Japanese Club 4, Japanese Honor Society 3-4, Honors Diploma, Soccer 1-3, Basketball 1-4.  
**PEREZ, Christianne:** Choir, Trend, Tennis.  
**PERRONE, Jeffrey:** National Honor Society 3-4, Honors Diploma, Student Aide 4, Football 1-4, Baseball 1-2, Tutor 4.  
**PERRYMAN, Ryan:** Auditorium 1-4, Blood Drive 2-3, Choir 1-4, French Club 1-3, Chess Club 3-4, Natural Helper 3-4, Newspaper 3, Speech & Debate 1-4, Student Aide 3, Student Council 2-3, Theatre 1-4.  
**PETERSON, David:** Band 1-3, National Honor Society, Honors Diploma, Swimming 1-4.  
**PETERSON, Neal:** German Club 2-4, German National Honor Society 2-4, National Honor Society 3-4, Honors Diploma, Basketball 1-3, Football 1-2, Track 2.  
**PIMENTEL, Adam:**  
**PINA, Naomi:** Student Aide 4.  
**PIKLUHN, Lindsay:** Prom Committee 3, Turnabout Committee 4, National Honor Society 3-4, French Honor Society 2-4, Honors Diploma, Student Aide 2-4, Volleyball 1-2, Cross Country 4, Basketball 1-4, Track 1-4.  
**POPOVICH, Kevin:** Blood Drive 4, Trend 3-4, Japanese Club 1-4, Homecoming Committee 4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3, Student Aide 3, Student Council 4, Football 1, 2-4, Cross

Country 3, Basketball 1, Track 2-4, SHIELD Yearbook 4, Key Club 2-4, Snowflake 3-4.

**POPWICH, Mark:**Japanese Club 1-3 (Vice President), Environmental Club 3, Honors Diploma, Football 1-4, Swimming 1-4, Key Club 2-4.

**PUNTE, Marcella:**Softball 1, 3.

**PUNTILLO, Charles:**Wrestling 1-4, Football 1.

**QAISIRANI, Tariq:**

**RATACZAK, Aaron:**Honors Diploma, Tutor 3.

**REED, Julie:**Blood Drive 4, Key Club 1-4, Trend 3, Honors Diploma, Student Aide 2-4, Soccer 1-3, Tennis 1-2, Cheerleading 1-4, Snowflake 3.

**REED, Rachael:**Blood Drive 3, Key Club 1-4, Trend 2-4, TATU 2-4, Snowflake 2-4, Snowflurry 1-4, Honors Diploma, Tutor 3, Newspaper 4, Student Advisory Board 3, Student Aide 2, Student Council 3, SHIELD Yearbook 3-4, Soccer 1-3, Tennis 1-2, Natural Helper 3-4, Homecoming Committee 3, Contact Cares 3-4.

**REED, Stephanie:**Blood Drive 3-4, Choir 2, Key Club 1-4, Trend 2-4, Student Aide 4, Student Council 3, Soccer 1-4, Tennis 1-2, Contact Cares 4, Snowflake 1-4, Snowflurry 2, Class Secretary/Treasurer 2.

**REYES, Mindy:**Student Aide 2, 4.

**RIOS, Yasin:**Blood Drive 2-4 (Co-Chair), Key Club 1-4, Spanish Club 1-2 (Secretary), Prom Committee 3, Turnabout Committee 4, Spanish Honor Society 2-4 (Secretary), National Honor Society 3-4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3-4, Student Aide 3, Student Council 2-4, Track 1-2, Cross Country 4, Theatre 3-4, Snowflake 3-4, Snowflurry 1, 3, 4, Contact Cares 3-4.

**ROLLAND, Matthew:**Blood Drive, Trend, Natural Helper, Student Council, Baseball 3-4.

**ROQUE, Michael:**Natural Helper, Wrestling 3-4, Tutor.

**ROSIGNOL, Joseph:**

**ROSS, Alex:**Choir 3, Chess Club 3, Key Club 2-4, Natural Helper 3, National Art Honor Society 2-4.

**RUIZ, Alicia:**David.

**SAUCEDO, Marisa:**

**SCAROTZI, Randy:**

**SCHAUS, Amber:**Blood Drive 3-4, Trend 3-4.

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**SEITZINGER, Michelle:**Blood Drive 2-4, Key Club 1-4, Spanish Club 2, Prom Committee 3, Dance Team 2, Honors Diploma, Tennis 1-2, SHIELD Yearbook 3-4, Phonathon 4.

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Library Aide 4, Theatre 1-4, Auditorium Aide 2.

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**SMART, Christina:**SHIELD Yearbook 4.

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**SMITH, Sean:**Building Trades 4.

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**SZDLOWSKI, Edward:**

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**TRACY, Tara:**Blood Drive 4, Spanish Club 1-3, Honors Diploma, Student Aide 2-4, Volleyball 1-4, Basketball 1-4, Softball 1-4, Snowflake 1.

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**WOZNY, James:**Blood Drive 3-4, Spanish Club 3, National Honor Society 3-4, Spanish Honor Society 2-4, Student Council 3-4, Tennis 1-4, Basketball 1.

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**ZUHL, Heather:**Spanish Club 2-3, Snowflake 1-4, Dance Team 2-4, National Spanish Honor Society 3-4, National Honor Society 3-4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3, Student Aide 3, Track 1, Cross Country 2-4, Softball 2-4, Tutor 3.

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# Graduation

## Saying Goodbye

This is the moment that we have been working toward for the last 12 years. It is not only the end of a memorable journey of accomplishments and togetherness, but also the means by which we may accomplish even greater feats. The pictures show the steps we took as we walked down the aisle, crossed the stage to receive our diplomas, and walked back up the aisle to a new and exciting world. This is the last time we may all be together as we choose different paths along life's way. The memories of our graduation day will last a lifetime and help to bring us home again through the pictures we leave behind. Our hats are off to you, the **Highland High School Class of 2003.**

**Jeanette Hacker**

"So take the photographs,  
and still frames in your mind.  
Hang it on a shelf in good  
health and good time... I  
hope you had the time of  
your life."

Green Day's  
*Good Riddance*  
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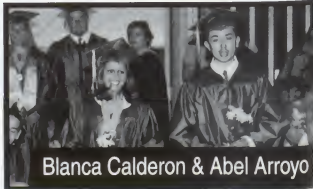


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**Performers of the Class song**



**Daniel Hejmej**



**Salutarian Wendy Jo Svetanoff**



**Valedictorian Dana Marlowe**

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**Valedictorian**  
Dana Marlowe

**Salutarian**  
Wendy Jo Svetanoff

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4. Matthew Yuknis
5. Sean Fox
6. Amanda Kopischke
7. Natalie Litera
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10. Neal Peterson

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**Marielna**-Thank you for working so hard this year. Unfortunately, you won't be back to help Foss out next year, but I hope you have a great senior year back in Mexico and enjoy your candy (especially the mango chili powder kind).



**Sarah**-For three years, I've heard you sing and have watched you act like a comedian. You always found a way of making people laugh. Someday, I hope to see you on SNL and married to Jim Carrey.



**Brad**-Every time I was in an awkward situation, you always found a way to make it even more embarrassing - just kidding. Thank you for always making me laugh. You kept the class fun.



**Mindy**-You are a gifted individual. You will be a great editor next year and will have someone to help you with this book. Never doubt any of your ideas and believe in yourself.



**Sammie Sosa**-From *Top Gun* and *Grease* to *Mortal Kombat* and *Now and Then*, I've basically known you most of my life. Never forget that spiders and horror films are your friends, and IceMan is better than Slider. Always be afraid of purple bears.



**Jackie**-Unfortunately, since you came in during second semester, Foss gave the Index to you and Steph. Thank you for your hard work and dedication on it and all your layouts.



**Jennifer**-I'm glad you decided to join yearbook second semester. Without you and Marielna taking on the Freshmen layout, we would never have finished it. You completed it in less than a week, and I was incredibly shocked. I really appreciated your tremendous effort.



**Madalin**-When you get your car, never get out of it. You will never have to walk again. Always remember: don't ride with strangers, especially people in minivans.



**Michele**-One day I can see you as the editor of *Cosmo*. You have an eye for fashion and are a great designer for layouts. I loved your Year-In-Review spread.



**Gina**-Hopefully someday I will see you as an Olympic gymnast. Congrats on beating Kevin in the handstand contest. You are not only a strong athlete, but a hard worker as well. Always stay focused on your dreams and never give up.



**Rachael**-You are the dancing queen. I stuck you with all the dance layouts, and I'm glad I did. You did a great job with each one of them. Keep up with the journalism aspect of your life. You wrote good articles, not only for the Shield, but also for the Trojan.



**Stephanie**-Having yearbook seventh hour is not easy. Everyone is tired and ready to go home, but I never saw you like that. You have so much energy in you, and it's addictive. You made even the boring days seem lively.



**Aaron**-Wrapping Brad up in masking tape, making the class laugh, and pulling your famous disappearing act are three things that make you unique. Always stay an individual and never allow anyone to change you.



**Kevin**-What can I say; I gave you the hardest layouts and you came through 100%. Seeing you work so hard all the time influenced a lot of the other staff members to work hard too. This made my job a lot easier. Thank you.



**Elizabeth**-I wish I could have gotten to know you better. You entered during the second semester and, unfortunately, I was busy with the senior layouts at the time. I hope you had fun this year and will come back next year.



**Ruth**-It was funny seeing you and your sister, Elizabeth, running around the classroom. I hope you two always stay this close because family is everything.



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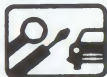
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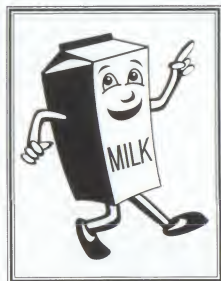
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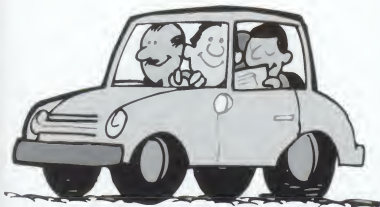
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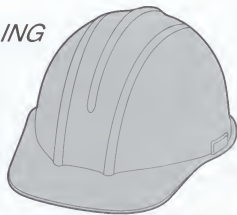


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a precious gift from God - a  
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Always dream, hope, and  
believe!

Love, Mom and Dad



Chrissy,

You are the light of  
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always made us so  
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"daughter." May your  
future be everything  
you want it to be.

Love,  
Mom and Dad

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downs,  
So when I look back on our times, should I smile  
or frown?

Even if I never see any of you again,  
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I wish we didn't have to drift away,  
But I know somehow, some way, we'll cross  
paths one day.

Now it's time to say goodbye,  
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becoming.

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Mom and Dad

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*Doug Harper*

## Shelly,

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way into your future, remember  
that the gifts and talents you  
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direct your paths. We love you!

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## Congratulations Holly!

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## Tracy,

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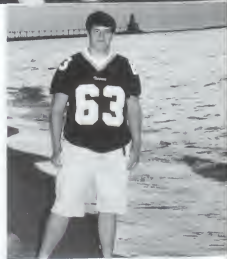
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## Congratulations Ashley!

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**May all your dreams come true.**

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## Sarah,

**You have become a  
beautiful person.  
May God lead you the  
rest of the way.  
We love you a lot.**



Through thick and thin,  
Through good and sin,  
We've always been together.  
And though we must part,  
You'll live in my heart  
Forever and ever and ever.

(How corny is that?)  
Boohoo.  
Love, Nalsi

## Julie and Steph,

I looked around the other day, when we were just hanging out, and thought to myself that I was the luckiest person alive. I was given the chance to have you both as my sisters. It is always hard to find a best friend to confide in, to cry to, or just to have fun with. But I have been so lucky to have two best friends in my life. You two are destined for a great life. There are no sad times come graduation, because I'll always know that you both are a phone call or a car ride away.



## -Jewels & Sarah-

We had such an awesome senior year! I'm so glad we got so close! Thanx for always being there for me! We definitely have some great memories ... like the Gumball 3000! We'll never forget that trip!

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Shel

## Congratulations, Holly!

Love always,  
Tony



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# VISUALIZE THIS...

*The camera can only make a recording of a split-second in time. A photograph is only a reminder of what was. The true images are the memories associated with that picture that we visualize in our hearts and minds.*

*confident*



Varsity Girls' Soccer Team



Ryan Perryman

*intrepid*





Maritza Cordova

**VISUAL**  
*fiduciary*



Highland Color Guard

**IMAGERY**

*reasonable*

*shrewd*



Chris Johansen



Dana Wilkins

*diligent*



Gary Simkus

*allant*

*gracious*



Highland Marching Band

*sagacious*



Senior Guys



*closing*

# IMAGERY

*strong-willed*



Valerie Haenny & Jeanette Brass



Matt Yuknis

*devoted*

*outspoken*



Renaë Kondrat



Dan Mihalik

*amiable*



Allison Brack & Matthew Fledderjohann

*musical*



Naomi Pina

*daring*

*brilliant*



Tim Marczewski & Jenny Sknerski



*-eloquent*



Jennifer Bond & Jon Arredondo



Sheena Weaver & Laura Tometczak

*productive*

*Keep these images in your heart and mind as you go on. Reflect on them. Shed a tear. Laugh a laugh. Remember the few failures and the many successes. Know that you were an individual who came together for a short time with other individuals. Together we made a difference. This is our moment in time.*

THE VISUAL IMAGES OF OUR  
INDIVIDUALITY



*closing*







artistic

athletic

patriotic

theatrical

optimistic

expressive

academic

**canny**

**reliable**

**attentive**

**helpful**

**political**

**honorable**

**emotional**

